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## Who owns the lands where Catholic churches are built?

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Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) underscored the need for the CNMI government to work perhaps with



DeLeon Guerrero

and see whether the government still has rights to the lands where Catholic churches in the CNMI are erected.

At the Senate session last week, DeLeon Guerrero said

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### AT A GLANCE

As of 5:39pm, July 13, 2021

#### VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated: **67.2%**

Days since last community transmission **112**

Pfizer/BioNTech			
Initiated:		26,049	
Fully Vaccinated:		24,067	
Moderna			
Initiated:		4,182	
Fully Vaccinated:		3,939	
Janssen			
Fully vaccinated:		477	

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	8,454	13	8,467
Recovered	8,212	0	8,212
Active	100	13	113
Deaths	141	1	142

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	185	0	185
Traced via Travel Screening	149	0	149
Traced via Community Screening	36	0	36
Deaths	2	0	2

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

the Office of the Attorney General to go back in time

## DPS chief will no longer be called for budget hearing

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Citing a lack of time, the House Ways and Means Committee will no longer call Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero to a hearing on his department's fiscal year



Manglona



Guerrero

### » House Ways and Means now focusing on presenting balanced budget

2022 budget.

Committee chair Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) disclosed in an interview yesterday that the committee has decided to forego summoning Guerrero to go over the DPS

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### COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

#### LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

## USDOL OKs CNMI's 2021 PWS

The U.S. Department of Labor has approved the CNMI's 2021 Prevailing Wage Study report for the CW-1 visa program, according to a news statement from

the Office of the Governor yesterday.

The new wages apply to CW-1 determinations beginning July 1, 2021.

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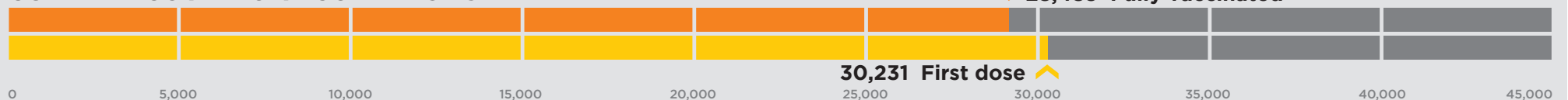
### 'DISABLE THE LABEL'

LADY DIANN TORRES FOUNDATION

First lady Diann Torres participates in a celebrity bagging event at a Joeten store. The Lady Diann Torres Foundation, members of the CNMI Disabilities Network Partners, and community leaders participate in the "Disable the Label" Campaign's Celebrity Bagging event at all Joeten stores last Saturday, July 10, 2021 to spread disabilities awareness and acceptance in the CNMI.

### CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

28,483 Fully vaccinated



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New warning added to Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine about links to a rare reaction.

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A new movie will feature stars of "Blues Clues & You!" to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

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# Local

More houses, establishments assigned house numbers

Eighty percent of the houses to the right of the route from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero

Road going up to As Terlaje are now assigned house numbers, based on the latest update

from the Saipan Mayor's Office Street Naming and Addressing Division.

Specifically, a total of 2,372 houses along this route now have assigned numbers. This was learned during a joint interview with special assistant to the mayor Henry Hofschneider and Global Information Systems technicians Janice Celis and Jaycee Rdialul at the Saipan Mayor's Office conference room on Tuesday.

Celis acknowledged, though that there could be a possibility that the house numbering team may need to go back, as there could be many more residences in the area that the mayor's office is unaware of. To mitigate this issue, Hofschneider said he and the house numbering team have been working with Justin Andrew and Fermin Sakisat Jr. of the Department of Commerce's Central Statistics Division to cross-check the number of houses in the area that CSD has on record with the information that the Saipan Mayor's Office has on hand. The CSD plays a major role during the CNMI's 10-year census reports, as it submits its findings and data to the U.S. Census Bureau directly. (Joshua Santos)

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## 'Parental consent a barrier for LGBT minors seeking mental help aid'

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REPORTER

One of the major barriers for LGBT youth from accessing mental health or substance abuse counseling is the need for parental consent, according to LGBT advocate and transgender Tyra Lyn Sablan.

For one, many youths do not have the money to pay for mental health or substance abuse counseling, Sablan said during the Legislature's first CNMI Pride Talks that the House Committee on Health and Welfare recently hosted at the House of Representatives chamber. Also, many youths fear of repercussion from parents or guardians for receiving this kind of service, she added.

Sablan said the stigma of mental illness and anti-LGBT sentiments from inside and outside of the mental health and substance health system can be prohibitive. "From somebody who was out, who grew up LGBT, I can't speak for everybody in the community, but for me and a lot of my peers, it would have been lifesaving," Sablan said. "It would have helped us avoid so much trauma if we just had access, if we were able to seek help without our parents knowing and just being able to talk to a coun-

selor, a therapist about drugs, about our sexuality. Sometimes we don't even know it's our sexuality," she said.

Sablan said mental health professional counseling allows for therapeutic interactions to ameliorate mental health disorders or change problematic behavior arising from stress and trauma the youth has experienced.

"Not all sexual or gender non-conforming minority and questioning youth need mental health treatment, but may need support from a caring adult," she added.

Aside from Sablan, the other panelists at the policy roundtable discussions were Pride Marianas Youth co-founder Dr. Jennifer Maratita, Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence associate director Kiki Igitol Benjamin, Community Guidance Center representative Tiara Evangelista, and student leaders Zenn Ichiro Tomokane and Jigger Parayaoan.

Sablan said one of the major barriers for acquiring identification that matches gender identification here in the CNMI is Public Law 15-50, which requires a doctor's certification of gender affirming surgery to be able to change a gender marker on a birth cer-

tificate and/or identification.

In contrast, Sablan said, obtaining federal level identification such as a passport does not require a doctor's certification or a court order to change the gender marker and may be self-selected.

Sablan said courts require for name changes to be published. The state of New York now allows courts to waive that requirement and records be sealed for transgender individuals for their safety against harassment, she said.

Citing studies, Sablan said sexual and gender minority youth who have been abused, neglected or bullied because of their sexual orientation or gender identity have higher rates of depression, have thoughts of and/or have attempted suicide.

"Lack of acceptance, understanding, and abuse at home often leads to youth homelessness. Family rejection during adolescence is associated with mental health and substance abuse problems," she said.

Sablan said the rates of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, and bullying of LGBT and questioning youth are consistently higher than that of heterosexual youth. "They are also more likely to skip school because they feel

unsafe on their way to and from school," she added.

Yet despite all these stressors, the LGBT people have found ways to survive, thrive, and be successful, she said. "We have to reclaim a positive sense of identity. We have to promote pride in our community. We must empower each other and love one another," Sablan said.

Committee chair Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) said they appreciate

panelists at the roundtable discussions for their stories, courage, and ideas, and for bringing their wisdom and insight to help guide the lawmakers and the community in better understanding how the Legislature can create spaces that are more inclusive, that are braver and safer, and more loving for everyone.

"I think all of the members of this committee see this roundtable as an excellent start, and the beginning of a thoughtful dialogue that should continue," she said.

The lawmaker underscored

the importance of the communication education process to continue. Sablan proposed that they form a policy working group to prioritize some of the action items that have been discussed that day and the previous meetings of the committee.

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## Bradley: Some felons being caught with registered guns

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REPORTER

Outgoing CNMI Chief Prosecutor John Bradley said yesterday he has seen cases where the Department of Public Safety issued certificates of firearm registration to convicted felons.

"There's no screening that's actually happening," he said in his testimony before the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee about the Office of the Attorney General's position that supports House Bill 22-35 to prohibit convicted felons from possessing firearms

and/or ammunition.

In his written comments on the bill, Attorney General Edward Manibusan said that, given the recent escalation of crimes in CNMI involving firearms possessed by felons, this addition to the Criminal Code provides additional protection to the public.

In his testimony before the JGO, Bradley cited a case in which he thought he would be prosecuting a defendant for possession of firearm by a felon, but that he found out that DPS had issued to that person the

firearm registration despite the fact that he lied in his application.

"But in the criminal background check, they included a copy of his felony conviction. So there's nothing going on there. There's no screening that's actually happening," he added.

Bradley asked how could he prosecute the person when DPS told the person

he could have a gun, when under the law he wasn't supposed to. "That created problems for even the feds prosecuting him because you got one government agency telling him he



Bradley

## Plans for Tinian and Rota house numbering in the works

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The three mayors of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and the heads of the Department of Commerce and Office of Planning and Development are joining forces and exchanging ideas about plans to implement house numbering projects on both Tinian and Rota.

Henry Hofschneider, who is the special assistant to the Saipan mayor, said yesterday that the Saipan Mayor's Office first reached out to Tinian and Rota's municipal leaders six years ago to discuss possible plans of numbering houses on the islands. He said the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse had advised the Saipan office to get all of the CNMI's municipalities involved in the house numbering project and to put together a proposal for a grant from the federal government that will fund the multi-municipality project. At the time, Tinian and Rota were working on their own respective "priority projects" and the initial house numbering plans did not come to fruition.

Moves are once again afoot to revive the project, with the mayors of the three islands meeting two weeks ago at the Saipan Mayor's Office conference room to discuss the project. Joining Mayor David M. Apatang and Hofschneider at the June 28 meeting was Tinian Mayor Edwin P.



From left, Office of Planning and Development director Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong; resident director for the Department of Commerce Dean Manglona; Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Tinian Mayor Edwin P. Aldan, Global Information System technician Janice Celis, and special assistant to the mayor Henry S. Hofschneider share a photo after their meeting at the Office of the Mayor conference room on June 28 regarding house numbering on Tinian and Rota.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Aldan; Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig; resident director of the Department of Commerce Dean Manglona; Global Information Systems technician Janice Celis; and Office of Planning and Development director Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong.

In a joint interview with Hofschneider, Celis, and GIS technician Jaycee Rdialul on Tuesday, it was learned that before the house numbering projects can begin, all of Tinian's and Rota's roads need to be identified and named. To the best of

the three's knowledge, not all of the roads on Tinian and Rota have been identified and named. However, compared to Tinian a much larger portion of Rota's roads are named, and a house numbering project may take place on Rota first.

Hofschneider said that Saipan's street naming and identification project was completed in 1988, and more than 20 years later the Saipan Mayor's Office began its street addressing project. It first began issuing house numbers on Aug. 3 last year.

DeLeon Guerrero said they look at this matter also in the perspective of the CNMI Constitution of how much truly do the CNMI own with respect to public lands.

She said a lot of these properties are on Saipan and that collectively, as a CNMI state, they need to know.

"We talk about financial issues. We, for a fact, as a government, we have outstanding bonds out there that we are still paying for," the senator said. "And if we are operating on a land valuation, we don't even know if these properties are included in those land valuation calculations. We may perhaps be in violation of our very own constitution," she added.

A separate email sent to *Saipan Tribune* also raised this issue, where it was pointed out that some of these properties are in the name of the Guam church and that there is talk of the Guam Catholic Church possibly seeking to declare bankruptcy to settle a sexual abuse case and so will have an impact on CNMI land ownership.

respect to the churches of the Commonwealth.

"And these are premium properties," she pointed out.

The senator said she is especially concerned because the CNMI Constitution talks about land valuation and the Commonwealth government could go out in the open market and seek funding from sources of investments, for example, floating a bond.

DeLeon Guerrero underscored the need to address this issue once and for all and encouraged the Department of Public Lands to look into the matter.

She said DPL should have an open conversation with the Senate so that they can know for sure whether the CNMI owns those public lands. She said this issue is already being circulated on social media and being discussed publicly in the open with respect to the ownership of the churches.

"We have to remind ourselves that this is not about religion. This talks about the separation of church and state," the senator said.

can have this gun. Another agency is saying it's a crime," he said.

Bradley cited another case of a habitual offender who was thrice caught with guns. "He was on probation. Probation [officers] went to his house, searched and found a gun in his house. He doesn't care!" Bradley said.

He clarified that he is not interested in trying to make it more difficult for people to have guns. "The point here is, if you are a convicted felon, you are disqualified. I think that's a universally agreed rule. There's not a lot of debate on that," Bradley said.

As a prosecutor, Bradley said, gun crimes are always the most dangerous kinds of crimes. But, while there are certainly crimes of gun violence

here, it's not anywhere near the level of gun violence that is happening in the U.S. mainland, he added.

"I have a daughter that lives in New Orleans. Every week, eight to 10 people are shot there. And what you don't want to have is a policy that encourages that kind of crime to grow here," he said.

H.B. 22-35, which is authored by JGO Committee chair Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan), notes that there is a gap in the CNMI weapon laws: the Special Act for Firearms Enforcement failed to criminalize the possession of firearms and ammunition by convicted felons. Babauta's legislation seeks to fill that gap by adding such a provision to the Criminal Code.

## DPS

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budget request as they're focused now on trying to get a balanced budget by this month.

Manglona said they did request the commissioner to submit a delegation of authority letter and leave form. He said Guerrero did give DPS director of administration Kaye Inos a delegation of authority letter last July 2 so she could answer questions the committee may have about DPS' budget request. The commissioner also submitted a medical leave form indicating that he would be out for another two weeks, Manglona said.

"So right now, we're just focused on working on the revised budget and see if there are any significant changes to the departments and all other agencies," he said.

In the case of the DPS budget, Manglona said they will make a determination based on the initial tes-

timony of the three representatives that appeared before the committee for DPS.

He said there will be no more hearings for the DPS budget because they've already heard from Inos.

"Unfortunately, there are some questions that maybe only the commissioner could answer," he said.

Guerrero did not show up at the June 8, 2021, budget hearing as he was on Tinian, apparently for an emergency that he needed to attend. Inos and two other DPS officials appeared at the hearing.

Manglona then decided to continue the hearing to June 11. But that hearing did not push through after Guerrero called Manglona a day before (June 10) to inform him that he is on medical leave for possibly two weeks and asked to reschedule the hearing.

This prompted Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) to recommend allocating just a \$1 budget for Guerrero's salary in the DPS budget.

## USDOL

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres thanked U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh and Administrator Brian Pasternak and his team "for their guidance and diligence as they review and approve our 2021 PWS report."

He also extended appreciation to Nikolao Pula, director of the Office of Insular Affairs of the Department of Interior and acting Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs, for funding the CNMI Prevailing Wage Study project.

"This report will greatly assist our local businesses as we work to recover our economy," said Torres.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios said the prevailing wage report "will certainly provide proper guidance for our local businesses as they jumpstart close to normal operations. We thank our Secretary of Commerce Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero and our Central Statistics Division for their hard work and collaboration with our federal partners."

A total of 820 Standard Occupational Classification Detailed Titles are found in the U.S. economy "with wage values for the CW-1 visa program." A total of 470 Detailed Titles were captured by the CNMI 2021 PWS. The U.S. Department of Labor reviewed and approved 373 for use in the 2021 PWS wage data. A total of

97 will use Guam's wages or the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics survey adjusted wage data, according to the USDOL Office of Foreign Labor Certification.

"I am grateful for all the efforts in ensuring the timely completion of this important report, most especially our local business partners and public sector agencies who took the extra effort and time in completing the online survey. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Administrator Pasternak and his team for their continued support and the guidance they provide to our CNMI PWS team to ensure that this report meets all the statistical standards contained in the CW-1 Interim Final Rule at 20 CFR 55.410(e)," said Commerce Secretary Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero.

The 2021 PWS CW-1 Wage Table report can be accessed on the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Foreign Labor Certification website at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/foreign-labor/>.

The 2021 PWS Report can be accessed on the CNMI Department of Commerce, Central Statistics Division website at <https://ver1.cnmi-commerce.com/divisions/central-statistics/report-hub/>.

Questions and inquiries regarding the prevailing wage report should be directed to the Central Statistics Division at telephone number 664-3045 or 3023 or email address [cnmi.csd@commerce.gov.mp](mailto:cnmi.csd@commerce.gov.mp). (PR)

## WHO

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lawmakers should be concerned because if these public lands are being held as liens to settle a huge case right now against the Catholic Church in Guam, it will affect the people of the CNMI.

The senator said she is sure a lot of the senators and even the community are aware that there is a set of documentations that are going around with respect to public land ownership that may take the CNMI way back in time to the Trust Territory days, or before the islands had a relationship with the U.S. government under the Covenant.

"And the reason why I raised this issue is because it brings me to the question of how much of our land valuation with respect to public lands do we own," she said.

DeLeon Guerrero said some senators perhaps have a copy of those particular land documentations with



# 6 more Marianas earmarks added to FY22 appropriation bills

The House Appropriations Committee announced yesterday that six of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's earmark requests have been included in fiscal year 2022 spending bills. This brings the total of funding for Marianas community projects the delegate asked for to \$4,577,533.

## » \$4.6 million in Sablan-directed spending

Four projects were approved by the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. The Public School System would receive \$150,000 for school library expansions, including a district-wide e-book library. Another \$350,000 would go to PSS to update the successful language and cultural heritage

immersion program of Kagman Elementary School and expand the program to all nine public elementary schools.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is slotted for \$1,250,000 to renovate and modernize laboratory facilities to meet national standards and codes. And student health would benefit from \$150,000 for PSS to collect body mass index data schoolwide and use that information to encourage young people to stay physically active into adulthood.

The Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies also announced its earmark awards yesterday, including \$303,000 to the NMI Judiciary to determine the viability of a Mental

Health Treatment Court with a specific docket for veterans. The funding would allow the Judiciary to hire a policy consultant, aided by a data analyst and administrative specialist, to meet with stakeholders, look for funding, and report back on whether a mental health treatment court would be viable in the Marianas.

Karidat is the sixth community organization slated for congressional funding. The Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies agreed to Sablan's request for \$50,000 to install

a generator and concrete protective structure to ensure the shelter for victims of domestic violence has power during natural disasters.

## Good working relationship

Sablan worked with all the organizations that have been approved for earmarks this year to develop proposals that had community support and could be well justified for federal financial support.

"Nine of our 10 funding requests were approved by appropriators," Sablan said. "That very strong record is in

large part due to the partnership between the congressional office and organizations in the Marianas. I very much appreciate the work PSS and CHCC and everyone did that reflects so well on the Marianas and resulted in over \$4.6 million in earmarked funding."


Earlier this month the Subcommittee on Agriculture approved \$391,500 to expand home dialysis services to Rota to reduce the need for off-island travel. Agriculture also approved \$980,639 at Sablan's request for health information technology upgrades

at CHCC. This improvement would increase interoperability between islands and facilitate patient record storage, allowing for greater use of telehealth. And the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee agreed to \$952,394 for the Small Business Development Center at Northern Marianas College.


Now that the Appropriations Committee is finishing its work, the next step will be approval of individual spending bills for fiscal 2022 by the entire House of Representatives. Those floor votes are expected to begin this month. (PR)

## A complete list of Sablan's approved earmark requests follows:

Project	Recipient	Amount
School Library Expansion	Public School System	\$150,000
Health Youth Successful Futures Initiative	Public School System	\$150,000
Language Immersion Program	Public School System	\$350,000
Laboratory Renovation and Modernization	Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation	\$1,250,000
Small Business Development Center Innovation Incubator	Northern Marianas College	\$952,394
Peritoneal Dialysis Expansion Project for Rota	Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation	\$391,500
Health Information Technology Upgrades	Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation	\$980,639
Technical Assistance to determine viability of Mental Health Treatment Court with specific Treatment for Veterans	Northern Mariana Islands Judiciary	\$303,000
Generator and protective for Guma Esperansa	Karidat	\$50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,577,533</b>



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### AGENDA

- PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - Call to Order
  - Roll Call
  - Adoption of Agenda
  - Adoption of Minutes
    - May 22, 2021
- PUBLIC COMMENTS
- REPORTS
  - DCD Financial Status
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
  - Loan Matters
    - Roma's Rental
    - Lucille T. Ayuyu & Joseph Omar
    - Jackary John A. Ogo
    - Jerad & Francine Atalg
    - Richard Taisacan
    - MB Sablan Realty, LLC
- OTHER MATTERS
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
- ADJOURNMENT

*All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 1(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)*

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## UNITED STATES Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



### NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its 3rd Quarter General Membership Meeting on July 23, 2021 from 10:30am to 1:30pm at Aqua Resort, Saipan.

#### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review & Adoption of Agenda of July 23, 2021
- IV. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes of June 08, 2021
- V. Action Items
  - a. Ratify the Approval of the Proposed COVID Budget from ACL titled Expanding Disabilities Network's (DD Councils) Access to COVID 19 Vaccines
- VI. Reports
  - a. Chairperson
  - b. State Plan Committee Chairperson
  - c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson
  - d. Executive Director
- VII. Old Business
  - a. CIRCLES Video Production Update
  - b. Saipan First Responder Training Update
  - c. CDD's Five State Plan 2022-2026 Public Hearing Update
- VIII. New Business
  - a. New Membership Orientation
  - b. Meet Your Policy Maker
  - c. COVID Vaccine Public Awareness Campaign
- IX. Miscellaneous
- X. Next Meeting
- XI. Adjournment

*Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.*

/s/ Robert Mendiola  
Chairperson

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## 30-grace period for importers still available

By BEA CABRERA  
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CORRESPONDENT

Public Law 21-42 may have reduced the 30-day period within which importers must pay excise taxes on dutiable goods but that 30-day grace period is still available, especially for companies that are considered low-risk importers.

Talking to business leaders at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership last week, Customs director Jose C. Mafnas said that P.L. 21-42 has already been enacted but importers who want to avail of the 30-day grace period can still apply for that exception with the CNMI Bureau of Customs and, right now, the bureau has 269 applicants.

"...It's not eliminated and I think that's fair. ...A lot of these applications were approved based on the profile of the importers and appear to be low-risk. They comply with the payment of their excise tax. ...The purpose of this law is not to target low-risk importers. ...We wanted to go against those importers that are fly-by-night, where they bring in their stuff, they have the 30-day grace period to pay, and then disappear

from the radar," he said. "The consequence is, we check with them and call them because some of them remain on the island. They would say that they will pay but never show up. ...This law also brought up those that have been hiding. ...With this law, it is exposing these importers and have them comply."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed P.L. 21-42 into law in February this year.

Mafnas said the Bureau of Customs is not in the business of closing a business. "If a business is struggling or having a hard time, we will work with them. ...We want to level the playing field for

all importers and all taxpayers. Believe it or not, there are more compliant taxpayers or importers, than those that are a challenge for us."

To be approved of the 30-day grace period, there are requirements that importers need to meet, Mafnas said. "In order for Customs to approve your application, part of the requirement you need is to get a tax clearance from [the Division of] Revenue and Tax. Once your application is cleared, your application will be approved."

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## Register now for NMC fall semester

Individuals who are seeking to advance their education or their professional careers can apply for and register for the Northern Marianas College's fall 2021 semester, which begins in August. Registration is ongoing through Aug. 13. The first day of classes is Aug. 16, 2021.

Individuals who need financial aid can also apply for the Federal Student Aid program, which provides financial assistance to those who meet certain eligibility criteria.

Applications for admission and other forms may be

picked up at NMC's Office of Admissions & Records located in Building N at the NMC As Terlaje campus, or may be downloaded from [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu). Supporting documents (i.e. transcripts from institutions previously attended, health evaluation form, and copy of a valid photo I.D.) must be turned in within 60 calendar days of submitting the admission application.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Conference Room, in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j> (Meeting ID: 6706648315) or join via telephone by calling the DCRM office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance and most updated information as Zoom meeting access code may change.

#### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Adoption of May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW
  - 1) CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2021-033  
Project: RT.302 & RT.304 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
Applicant: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
*The Department of Public Works (DPW) is proposing to reconstruct the existing roadway of Route 302 (Naftan Road) and Route 304 (Flame Tree Road) by revitalizing the highway for motorists and tourists traveling to popular beaches and hiking locations as well as to provide safety for vehicular traffic for residents and neighboring communities.*
    - a. Agencies' Discussion
    - b. Agencies' Final Determination
- III. OTHER MATTERS
  - 1) Adoption of amendments to NMIAC § 15-20, Water Sports and Recreational Activities Rules and Regulations
  - 2) Authorization for DCRM Director to promulgate regulation amendments
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

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## Coast Guard, partners rescue three overdue mariners in Kiribati

**HONOLULU**—U.S. Coast Guard, Fiji Rescue Coordination Center responders, and the fishing vessel *Namurai* rescued three overdue mariners in the vicinity of Tarawa, Kiribati on Monday.

The crew of the fishing vessel *Namurai* rescued the mariners, last seen on July 4, and transported them back to Tarawa.

“Through coordination with our partners in Fiji and Kiriba-

ti, we were able to save three members of our community and bring them back home to their families,” said Jennifer Conklin, search and rescue mission coordinator for Joint Rescue Coordination Center

Honolulu. “The vast nature of the Pacific makes these partnerships vital to the success of search and rescue missions.”

At 7:45pm, Thursday last week, JRCC watchstanders received notification of an overdue 20-foot skiff with three men on board en route to Ewena, Abaia, 30 miles

north of their departure point.

Upon notification, JRCC watchstanders deployed an Air Station Barbers Point HC-130 Hercules aircrew to conduct searches in the vicinity of Tarawa. At 7:28pm Sunday, the aircrew located the missing vessel and dropped flare markers, along with a search

and rescue radar transponder.

The crew of the HC-130 made contact with the nearby fishing vessel, *Namurai*, who picked up the three mariners and transported them back to Tarawa; the aircrew remained overhead until the two vessels were in sight of each other. (PR)

## Nominations being accepted for the ninth Bridge of Light Award

To honor and thank those who have helped the CNMI community, the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is now seeking nominations for its Bridge of Light Award.

This is the ninth year NMCADSV will be honoring one extraordinary individual in the CNMI who has worked diligently to provide safety for the community, to work to end domestic violence and sexual assault, and to be a “Bridge of Light” for victims and survivors in the CNMI.

Those eligible for the award include service providers, first responders, representatives, or volunteers at one or more eligible agencies, organizations or offices in the CNMI. The nominee must have been employed/volunteered for a minimum of one year and/or have demonstrated one or more extraordinary accomplishments to help sustain the movement. The nominee must also show dedication and effort in the areas of leadership, service, advocacy for victims, prevention, community education or mobilization, and resource development.

Nominations may be submitted by a victim or survivor; a family member or friend of a victim or survivor; a member, representative, and/or volunteer of NMCADSV; or an employee, representative, and/or volunteer at eligible CNMI agencies, organiza-

tions, or offices. To verify if an agency, organization, or office may nominate, contact NMCADSV at (670) 234-3878 or email [info@endviolencenmi.org](mailto:info@endviolencenmi.org).

Nominations may be submitted online through <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BOLA2021WebLink>. The deadline to submit a completed nomination form is 11:59pm on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.

It is strongly encouraged that those nominating be as detailed and thorough as possible on the form to show why their nominee is deserving of the award. Those evaluating nominations will consider nominees based only on the information provided.

The recipient of the 2021 Bridge of Light Award will be announced during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation signing ceremony. The award recipient will also be presented with the opportunity to attend a retreat or training courtesy of NMCADSV, among other self-care prizes.

Past recipients include Department of Public Safety officer Flora Aguon, Karidat Social Services executive director Lauri B. Ogumoro, Division of Youth Services social worker Mildred W. Sikebert, Karidat Social Services’ counselor Elaine C. Dela Cruz, Ayuda Network Inc. executive director Diana Camacho,

the Attorney General Office’s victim advocate John Aguon, Division of Youth Services director Vivian T. Sablan, and, most recently, DPS officer Rose Taman Rios.

For additional information or inquiries, contact the coalition at (670) 234-3878 or email [info@endviolencenmi.org](mailto:info@endviolencenmi.org). (PR)

## Scheduled power service interruption on Friday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there will be a scheduled power service interruption on Friday, July 16, 2021.

■ Outage Time: 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. (Estimated)

■ Areas Affected: Koblerville (Gollai Appan Ct., Ilotes

Way., and partial of Adobu Dr.)

■ Circuit: Kiya 2

■ Water Well Affected:

None

■ Wastewater Facility Affected: None

■ Purpose: to lift sagging primary lines along Gollai Appan Ct., Ilotes Way, and partial of Adobu Dr.

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### Board of Trustees Special Meeting

NMTI Facility, Lower Base  
July 15, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Adoption of Minutes
  - a. July 6, 2021
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Executive Session
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - a. Financial Documentation Requests from Trades Board of Directors
  - b. Vehicle Insurance Updates from Trustee Kautz
  - c. Financial Report for CW funds from Trustee Kautz
- VII. CEO Updates
  - a. NCCER
    - i. Audit
    - ii. Online Testing Transition Plan
  - b. Proposed Annual Board Meeting Dates
  - c. RFP for EDA Grant
  - d. Child Care Development Fund
- VIII. Chairman's report
  - a. Advisory Committee Update
  - b. Appoint Board Standing Committee Chair
    - i. Fiscal
    - ii. Programs
    - iii. Resource Development
- IX. Treasurer's Report
- X. New Business
  - a. Trustee Ray Pangelinan (attendance/removal procedures per PL 20-92)
  - b. Board Budget Proposal Review
  - c. Rota Vehicle status
  - d. NMTI Vehicle inspections – driver log books
  - e. Term limits for Board Members Status
  - f. Interim CEO Performance Appraisal Process and Assessment.
- XI. Adjournment



# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### We don't begrudge billionaires chasing the zero gravity of space. But can they spell 'murraya'?

**R**ichard Branson scraped the edge of space Sunday, arriving via a supersonic plane built by Virgin Galactic, a company he created. In so doing, the man who made his bones by signing The Sex Pistols to Virgin Records in 1977 upstaged another driven billionaire, Jeff Bezos, who plans his own inaugural joyride July 20 aboard the spaceship New Shepard, owned by the Amazon mogul's own aerospace company, Blue Origin.

Unlike some, this editorial does not begrudge these billionaires their desire to boldly go, etc.

These are humans who built boundary-pushing, disruptive companies. They are free to spend their acquired billions as their restless personalities wish, and most likely there will be a job-creating market for their so-called space tourism



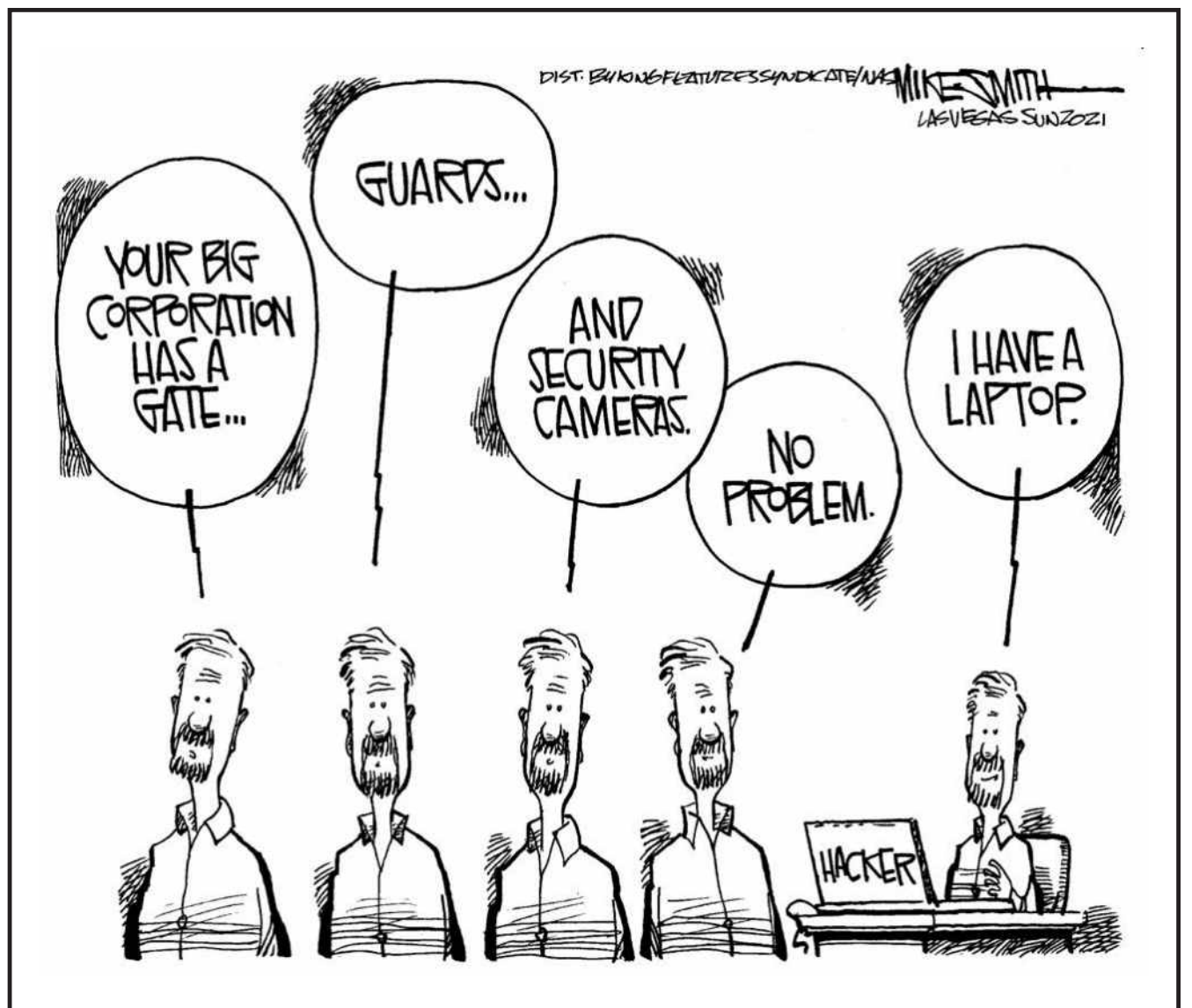
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companies, even at \$250,000 per seat. Among all the marketing hype from emcee Stephen Colbert and super fan Elon Musk, Branson made some room on his inaugural flight for scholarly research into the effects of zero gravity and an expanded private sector foray into a part of the universe mostly hitherto reserved for governments might eventually teach us a few useful things about our lives down here in the City of Chicago, Planet Earth.

Moreover, who does not crave the chance to float around like the great astronauts of our childhood dreams, Earth's gravitational pull falling away with our quotidian worries?

The only blasting away from the mother ship most of us have gotten to do has been courtesy of Atari or Xbox, either sitting on our couch or, years ago, standing at a console, plugging in quarters and wondering when our dull lives might improve. You have to admire at least the chutzpah, but also the drive of these men. And the life force of limit-

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### What have we ended up with at the end of it?

By **JULIE WATSON, KEN MILLER, and ELLEN KNICKMEYER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**I**mages of the World Trade Center towers collapsing in New York were still fresh in the minds of the first American troops arriving in Afghanistan, as the U.S. launched an invasion targeting the Afghanistan-based al-Qaida leaders who plotted the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. More than 800,000 U.S. troops have served in the Central Asian country since then, in a war that quickly expanded to confronting Afghanistan's Taliban and to nation-building. On Monday, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Scott Miller, relinquished his command in Kabul, underscoring the winding down of America's longest war.

One-third of the roughly 4 million troops who served in the post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan and Iraq served multiple tours, some in well-secured bases in times of comparative quiet, others facing improvised explosive devices on the roads, mortar and rocket attacks on their positions, and firefights. While the U.S. quickly succeeded in quelling the al-Qaida fighters behind the 9/11 attacks, Americans leave with the Taliban rapidly claiming fresh territory. Many Afghans fear the return of civil war, or strict Taliban rule, with the Western troops' departure.

The Associated Press talked to some of the U.S. veterans of Afghanistan as Americans withdraw, after nearly 20 years:

#### Army veteran

For Andrew Brennan, 36, it's the days the painful memories subside that bother him. A former Army captain who flew combat missions, Brennan lost one of his closest friends, pilot Bryan Nichols, when his Chinook helicopter was shot down in 2011, killing 30 Americans, seven Afghan soldiers and one interpreter. It was the single deadliest day for U.S. troops during the war.

Brennan spent a week helping recover the bodies.

"As much as I hate admitting it, there are days that go by when I don't think about Bryan, our crew, and the team guys on the back of that aircraft. And if I don't think about it and I was that close to it, what do most Americans think?" the Baltimore man wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

Brennan has worn a Killed in Action bracelet in honor of Nichols for nearly a decade. He has worked to get a memorial wall built for 9/11 veterans.

While he honors those who sacrificed their lives, he believes it was a senseless war.

"What have we ended up with at the end of it, other than trillions spent, 7,000+ Americans dead, and more than two broken generations of warriors?" Brennan wrote.

"The only stakeholder group that learned anything through this entire period were politicians: They learned that the American population is so removed from their modern day 'legions' that they can do anything with our nation's all-volunteer military and no one will pay attention or care enough to change it."

#### Marine veteran

Marine veteran Jennifer Brofer will never forget the loud, popping noise.

It was on a hot July afternoon in 2010 when her convoy rolled over an IED on a road in Helmand Province four months into her deployment to Afghanistan. Her heart froze as she and her fellow Marines stopped and realized what had occurred. But what followed were only the sounds of daily life.

This was a lucky day.

"For some reason it did not detonate," the former staff sergeant said.

It was a defining moment to be that close to death, said Brofer, one of the comparatively few female Marines to serve in America's longest war.

A public affairs officer, Brofer was charged with documenting the stories of troops.

"Those moments in Afghanistan really put everything into perspective for me. Because I really didn't fully appreciate all of the luxuries that I had been afforded prior to my deployment," such as hugs from loved ones, hot showers and driving down a road without fear of her vehicle exploding, she said.

Brofer, 38, who now works in the television and film industries in Hollywood, said she feels proud to have served "shoulder-to-shoulder with my male Marine counterparts" in a time of war.

Still, Brofer can't say whether the war was worth it.

"War is ugly. And sometimes it's necessary and it's not like we can go back and change anything. We can only change how we respond in the future," she said. "When I was deployed it was already considered then the longest war and I think it's about time that our men and women came home."

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## Testimony opposing Igisomar's DPL appointment

To Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz, chairman, Executive Appointment and Governmental Investigation Committee:

On behalf of the Matua Council for Chamorro Advancement, we submit our testimony today in opposition to the appointment of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar as the next secretary for the Department of Public Lands.

The following are reasons for our opposition beginning with his stance in support of the digging of our ancient Chamorro ancestors' sacred burial site at I Sengsong Anaguan, the current Garapan business district, to make way for the construction of Best Sunshine International's Grand Mariana Casino, now the Imperial Pacific International Resort.

In 2015, Mr. Igisomar stood up during the CNMI government's regulatory agency public hearing to support the permit application of BSI, IPI, and the contracted archaeological firm from Honolulu, Hawaii—Dr. Michael Dega, David Perzinski and crew of Scientific Consultant Service, Inc.—to excavate the entire burial ground, where they desecrated the sacred heritage site of over 400 ancient Chamorro graves.

Secondly, as a senator for the 20th NMI Legislature, Mr. Igisomar did not introduce any legislation or stood up to address or mitigate the serious issues with the Historic Preservation Office on the archaeological data recovery report done at Anaguan village, including the construction of a proper reinterment structure for the reburial of the 700 ancient Chamorros.

Additionally, if he is confirmed by the Senate as the next DPL Secretary, we believe that he has a high propensity to ignore and disregard the importance in preserving and protecting

the ancient Chamorro settlement sites or traditional sites in the entire Northern Mariana Islands under the jurisdiction of DPL. These site within the DPL secretary's management and disposition are highly sensitive and important cultural heritage sites of the indigenous people, the Chamorro or Taotao Tano of the Mariana Islands.

As a senator, Mr. Igisomar opposed the funding legislation for the CNMI Museum to address much needed repair from the damage caused by Super-Typhoon Yutu in 2018, and for the construction of the curation facility to address and comply with the public law that established the CNMI Museum as the repository of all artifacts found in the NMI. The law has been in existence for over a decade mandated the creation of a curation facility at the museum.

Mr. Igisomar, as a sitting senator, asserted his support of the museum legislation dependent upon a portion of the funding shall be allocated to the Carolinian Affairs Office. Yet he failed to seek the same request for the Indigenous Affairs Office, the office that represents the Chamorros.

Again, as a senator, Mr. Igisomar opposed the funding request by the Indigenous Affairs Office unless an equal amount will be allocated to the Carolinian Affairs Office. The Senate made an amendment to the appropriation request by IAO that also provided \$50,000 to the Carolinian Affairs Office, which was equal to the amount appropriated to the IAO that represents the Chamorros in the NMI. However, it is critical and important to understand that Mr. Igisomar's request for an equal amount appropriated to the Carolinian Affairs Office to that of the Indigenous Affairs Office was inappropriate and uncalled for. The 2010 United States Census in the NMI stated that there are 2,461 Carolinians and 12,902 Chamorros.

It was clear that Mr. Igisomar was insensitive to the request of the Indigenous Affairs Office because the IAO had been consistently underfunded by the CNMI government and is 500% greater in population compared to the CAO. Therefore, Mr. Igisomar's request to provide an equal amount requested by the IAO to the CAO of \$50,000 each was disrespectful to the Indigenous Affairs Office and to the constituents it represents who are the native inhabitants or host culture in the NMI.

Again, as secretary of Commerce prior to his Senate seat, Mr. Igisomar upon his confirmation of his appointment, removed one of the division directors who is a native Chamorro and replaced the person with a citizen from the Federated States of Micronesia because they were ardent supporters of the Fitial administration.

At the same time, he was also an officer and a board member of the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund when he decided

to declare bankruptcy or insolvent of the NMIRF but was rejected by the U.S. Federal District Court of the NMI. Mr. Igisomar was also a chairman and member of the Commonwealth Development Authority where too many Chamorro lands were foreclosed during his tenure as a member and especially as its chairman of CDA.

More importantly, Mr. Igisomar was a member of the 20th NMI Legislature where as a senator he failed to ensure the Department of Public Land's compliance with Public Law 15-2 in providing an annual report of its budget appropriation and expenditure, land transactions of properties below 50,000 square meters, compliance with the development, adoption and implementation of the comprehensive land use plan, enforcement matters and activities on land transfers to public domain, effective fiduciary collaboration of the DPL advisory board, among other matters mandated in P.L. 15-2.

Further, as a senator Mr. Igisomar failed to insist on the consistent and timely transfer annually of monies from DPL to Marianas Public Land Trust as required by the CNMI Constitution under Article XI. To date, this issue as the acting DPL secretary has not been resolved.

Furthermore, as an incumbent candidate for re-election to the Senate seat in the 2020 mid-term election, Mr. Igisomar lost the vote of confidence of the largest voting population in the CNMI, Saipan.

If he is confirmed, he has the potential to employ political and/or personal bias against anyone who may encounter the services and programs of the DPL.

It is with utmost importance that the Senate Committee on Executive Appointment and Governmental Investigation consider the decision made by the voting public in the Third Senatorial District.

In closing, it is with utmost importance that whoever will be appointed to be the next secretary of the Public Land must be a person with no bias or propensity to discriminate against the native Chamorro who will be applying for homesteads and will prioritize those who are currently on the waitlist, prioritize access to scarce agriculture land program, and give priorities in land exchange and land compensation program, contracting opportunity with DPL, and employment opportunities with DPL.

For the reasons stated above, we oppose the appointment and confirmation of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar as secretary of the Department of Public Lands because of his insensitivity and disrespect of the culture and heritage of the native Chamorros.

**Liana M.S. Hofschneider**

*President, Matua Council for Chamorro Advancement*

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**National Guard**

After the United States launched a second war, in Iraq, in 2003, Oklahoma National Guard Sgt. Eran Harrill was one of hundreds of thousands of guard members called to duty as an all-volunteer U.S. military strained to fight two wars simultaneously.

Harrill fought in 2011 as part of a combat unit in Afghanistan's Laghman Province, as the U.S. surged troops in hopes of crippling Afghanistan's Taliban. A marketing director and business development executive in Oklahoma City, he patrolled alongside a mechanic, a K-9 police officer, students and other Oklahomans.

"The very first firefight we got in was certainly an aha moment" for the citizen soldiers, Harrill said.

"I think we did some good there, maybe helped some people and prevented some loss of life," said Harrill, 38, who had always wanted to serve in the military, while some guard colleagues had seen it as a way to bring in money for college. "Was it worth the loss of life we had? I don't know, that's for someone else to answer."

Back home, Harrill served in jobs that included leading Oklahoma City's Black Chamber of Commerce. He's developing a directory aimed at identifying which employers are most suitable for members of the military like National Guard members.

That's after seeing guard members struggle with bosses unhappy over time away for training and deployment, including managers who reached out to a deployed guard member in the field to threaten him with firing if he didn't return.

"We have a bad habit in this country of putting little yellow ribbons, 'support our troops,' in the window," Harrill said. "But we don't really support our troops as to how it affects us when the rubber hits the road."

**BILLIONAIRES**

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less aspiration can be catching for the young. It's good for kids to know they should be limited by nothing.

But let's be clear about something. This isn't travel in the usual sense, meaning a chance to interact with other cultures, unless there is someone up there we don't yet know. No one will get to seek out what the voice of William Shatner called "new life and new civilizations." When you boil it down, Branson and Bezos will be selling \$250,000 thrill rides to the edge of space, not so different, really, from the experiences those of us of humbler means might crave at the Six Flags Great Adventure amusement park in gravity-bound Gurnee. We calibrate thrills based on how much money we have in our pockets.

On Sunday, the experience of weightlessness lasted for only four minutes. And the windows on Branson's SpaceShipTwo looked not unlike those on regular passenger jets into which we earthbound stick our heads as our humble Boeing 737 makes its final approach into Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. On a beautiful summer evening at sunset, our great city shimmering and shining, that can be enough of a thrill for anyone.

And are these billionaires, beyond their ambition and drive, doing anything really impressive?

Clearly, they're both tending to their carefully chiseled personal brands, and those of their companies. And they're buying the talents of great engineers, scientists and logisticians. They also are reminding us that huge fortunes and great business suc-

cess do not necessarily buy calm. In these two cases, at least, they have brought a desire to keep pushing for something thrilling enough to sustain excitement and achievement when most of the thrills on earth have dissipated. There are only so many times you can get a rush from buying a private island.

We think these individuals pushing the limits with their billions make life more interesting for the rest of us and we don't doubt their eventual philanthropic intent (we'll be watching). But if you ask what we find impressive in the field of human achievement, we've been more struck by Zaila Avant-garde, the 14-year-old from Harvey, Louisiana, who became the first Black American to win the 96-year-old Scripps National Spelling Bee last Thursday, beating out 208 other contestants from five countries, even working in a delightful reference to Bill Murray on her way to victory.

As pure intellectual meritocracies go, this spelling bee is pretty unimpeachable. There was no Mr. Spock to help as Zaila stood alone on the bridge of the starship of her own scholarship, preparation and brainy heft. No flight engineer helped her spell "retene" (it's a chemical). She didn't float or look out of a window: She stood right there on terra firma and crushed the challenge that was presented. With personality to spare.

Zaila also holds three Guinness World Records for her basketball prowess.

Wow. There should be no frontier she cannot reach. We wonder if Branson could spell "dysphotic." You know, under real pressure to achieve.









# PUBLIC NOTICE

## CNMI 발달장애 위원회 2022 – 2026 주 계획 목표 및 목적

각 주 발달 장애 (DD)위원회는 기본 운영 보조금에 할당 된 연방 자금의 용도를 설명하는 5 개년 주 계획을 발달 장애 관리국 (AIDD)에 제출해야 합니다. 주 계획은 발달 장애가 있는 사람들이 지역 사회 생활의 완전한 포용과 참여를 통해 삶의 질을 개선하는 데 초점을 맞추고 있습니다. 연방 정부는 DD위원회가 가용 자원을 사용하여 5 년 내에 달성 할 수 있는 목표를 찾을 수 있기를 기대합니다. 연방법은 주 계획이 의회가 수립 한 발달 장애 지원 및 권리 장전 법(DD Act)에서 강조 영역의 일부 또는 전체를 다루도록 요구합니다.

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발달 장애가 있는 개인의 가장 시급한 요구 사항과 위원회가 향후 5 년 동안 집중할 중점 분야에 대한 주 전체 요구 사항 평가에서 수집 한 데이터를 기반으로 개발된 CNMI CDD의 제안 된 우선 순위는 5 개년 주 계획안에 명시되어 있습니다. 예를 들면 공공 정책 옹호, 리더십 개발 및 협업 등이 전략에 포함될 수 있습니다. CNMI CDD는 직접 서비스를 제공하지 않습니다

## CNMI 발달장애 위원회 2022 – 2026 연방 회계 년도 주 계획 목표 & 목적

### 목표 1 – 자기 옹호

발달 장애가 있는 사람들의 리더십 및 자기 옹호 능력 개발을 장려하고 지원합니다.

#### 목적 1.1 - 자기 옹호

발달 장애가 있는 사람들이 이끄는 주 자체 옹호 기관을 강화하기 위한 지원을 제공합니다.

#### 목적 1.2 - 자기 옹호

리더가 될 수 있는 발달 장애가 있는 개인에게 리더십 교육을 제공 할 수 있는 기회를 지원합니다..

#### 목적 1.3 - 자기 옹호

발달 장애가 있는 사람들이 도움 및 문화적으로 다양한 리더십 연합에 참여하도록 지원합니다.

### 목표 2 - 서비스 시스템 개선

위원회는 파트너와 최소한 2 개의 시스템 변경 발의에 대해 협력하고 매년 정보, 교육 및 기술 구축 활동을 제공하여 지적 및 발달 장애가 있는 개인 그리고 학생들이 CNMI에서 적절한 서비스와 지원, 고용 기회 증가를 통해 고등학교 이후의 의미 있는 결과를 맺을수 있게 개선된 서비스를 받을 것 입니다.

#### 목적 2.1 - 취업

2023년까지 젊은 성인과 발달 장애가 있는 구직자들이 경쟁력있는 임금으로 의미있는 고용 기회를 가질 수 있도록 많은 기회를 만들고 CNMI 장애 네트워크 파트너와 협력하여 지역 사회를 교육하고, 스태프를 훈련시키고 완전히 통합되고 경쟁력 있는 고용을 지원하는 서비스를 개선하기 위해 2023 년 9 월까지 하나의 주 정책을 작성할 것입니다.

#### 목적 2.2 - 변화

2023 년까지 CNMI Transition Coalition, CNMI 장애 네트워크 파트너와 및 기타 단체와 협력하여 중등 이후 교육 / 훈련을 통해 고등학교에서 지적 및 발달 장애를 가진 학생들의 전환 결과를 개선하기 위해 고안된 적어도 하나의 관례를 만들거나 개선합니다.

#### 목표 3 - 임시 간호

발달 장애를 가진 개인과 의학적으로 취약한 개인의 가족 구성원 및/또는 간병인은 휴식 서비스 프로그램(CNMIPL 20-43)을 통해 제공되는 휴식 서비스를 이용할 수 있다.

법안 No. 20-140, HD1, SD1의 목적은 “연방법 제 3 판, 제 2 부, 제 4 장, 제 3 조를 폐지하고 재정하기 위하여, 사회문화부를 임시 봉사 프로그램의 관리 부서로 지정하기 위하여, 그리고 다른 목적을 위하여” 하원과 20 회 북 마리아나 상원의원 회가 통과시키고 2018 년 3 월 2 일 랄프 토레스 주지사가 서명한 공법 No. 20-43 입니다.

#### 목적 3.1 - 임시 간호

2023 년까지 지역 사회 및 문화담당 청 및 파트너와 협력하여 서비스가 부족하거나 서비스를 받지 못하는 Tinian 및 Rota지역의 임시 간병인 30명에게 교육을 개선 및/또는 확대합니다.

#### 목표 4 - 긴급 상황 대비

발달장애가 있는 사람들은 모두와 동일한 수준의 안전을 보장 받으며, 비상 발생시 스스로를 계획, 옹호 및 책임지는 과정에 참여하고 그러한 상황에서 해야 할 일에 대한 명확한 아이디어를 갖게 됩니다.

#### 목적 4.1 - 긴급상황 대비

2023년 까지 CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, CNMI Disability Network Partners, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, CNMI CORE 및 다른 지역사회 단체들과 함께 비상 계획에서 발달 장애를 가진 CNMI 거주자의 기능 및 접근 성 요구를 효과적으로 통합 합니다.

#### 여러분의 의견이 필요합니다:

5년 계획에 대한 공개 검토는 법에 의해 요구되며 우리가 계획을 개선하는 데 도움이 됩니다. 공개 검토 기간은 45일간 CNMI 주민들이 새롭게 개발된 목표와 목적을 평가하고, 개선을 위해 의견을 공유할 수 있는 기회를 제공합니다. 또한 이러한 목표와 목적을 달성하는 데 도움이 되는 전략과 활동에 대한 여러분의 제안을 환영합니다.

5개년 주 계획은 캐피톨힐 건물 #1310에 위치한 CNMI 발달장애 위원회 사무실 또는 (670) 664-7000/3/5로 연락하실 수 있습니다. 요청 시 다른 형식의 문서를 제공 받을수 있습니다.

의견이 있으시면 이메일 cnmicouncilondd@gmail.com에 제출해 주시기 바랍니다. 각 의견에 대한 목적 혹은 목표 번호를 기입해 주시기 바랍니다.

#### 기간:

2021년 6월 9일 - 7월 23일

의견들은 2021년 7월 23일 4:30 p.m. CHST 까지 이메일로 접수 가능 합니다.

의견을 주셔서 감사합니다!

고지 사항: 본 출판물에 제공된 정보의 정확성을 확인하기 위한 모든 시도가 이루어졌음에도 오류 또는 누락에 대한 책임은 The 2D Canvas에 있습니다.

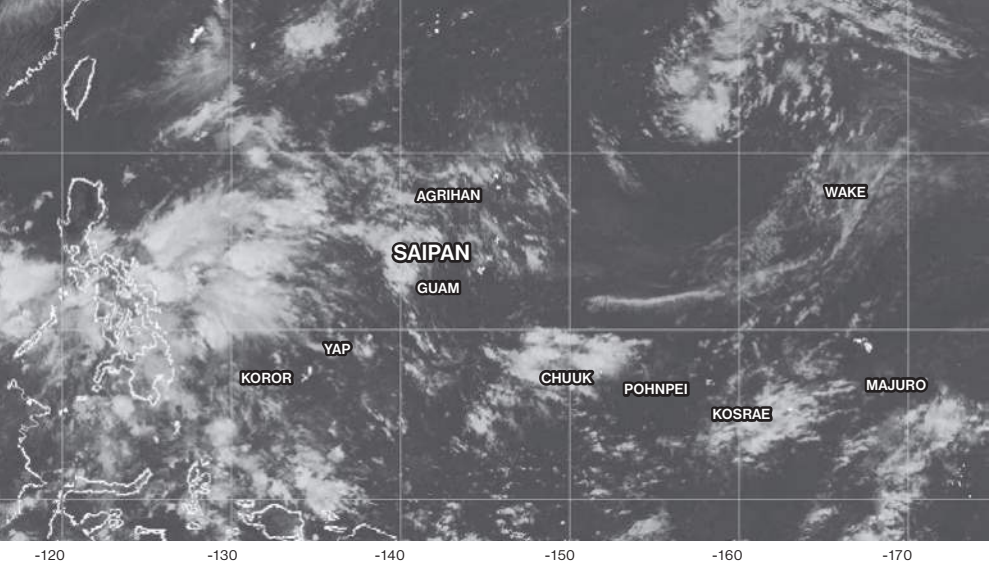






# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	
86°	76°	84°	76°	84°	76°	84°	76°	84°	76°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 6:42 AM, TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak trough just west of the islands is producing mostly cloudy skies across the region, with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms mainly near and west through north of the islands. East of the trough, winds over the coastal waters are moderate from the southeast. Combined seas rose to around 6 feet overnight, but have slowly fallen back to around 5.5 feet at sunrise.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

## STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit [www.governor.gov.mp](http://www.governor.gov.mp) and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at [www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19](http://www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19).

### Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

### Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

### Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
  - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
  - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 76°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 81°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:55 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:55 AM	6:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	9:21 AM	10:11 PM	-
Thursday	10:15 AM	10:51 PM	-
Friday	11:08 AM	11:31 PM	-
Saturday	12:02 PM	-	-
Sunday	-	12:12 AM	12:58 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	57° / 50°	
Beijing	Thunderstorms	81° / 73°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°	
Honolulu	Windy	86° / 75°	
London	Partly Cloudy	70° / 57°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 66°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°	
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	57° / 41°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	93° / 74°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°	
Paris	Mostly Sunny	81° / 61°	
Busan	Mostly Sunny	88° / 79°	
Rome	Sunny	91° / 66°	
Salem	Mostly Sunny	94° / 74°	
San Francisco	Sunny	62° / 52°	
Seoul	Thunderstorms	90° / 77°	
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	90° / 79°	
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	97° / 77°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:54 AM	Low Tide	1.38	
9:27 AM	High Tide	1.93	
4:46 PM	Low Tide	0.07	
11:50 PM	High Tide	2.09	

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 1, 2021

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7	UA174	4:50am	5:31am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	5 via Guam	UA184/174	9:50pm	5:31am+1	5 via Guam
UA117/183	6:30am	9:10pm	3, 7 via Guam	MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				UA184	9:50pm	4:05am+1	5
UA183	6:55pm	8:50pm	5	UA184	10:25pm	4:20am+1	1, 3
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	1, 3	LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)			

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA				ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily	3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily	3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri	3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily	3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily	2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
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# Business

## FDA adds warning about rare reaction to J&J COVID-19 vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. regulators on Monday added a new warning to Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine about links to a rare and potentially dangerous neurological reaction, but said it's not entirely clear the shot caused the problem.

The Food and Drug Administration announced the new warning, flagging reports of Guillain-Barre syndrome, an immune system disorder that can cause muscle weakness and occasionally paralysis. Health officials described the side effect as

a "small possible risk" for those getting the shot.

The action comes after the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reviewed reports of about 100 people developing the syndrome after receiving the one-dose vaccine. Almost all of were hospitalized and one person died, the FDA said.

Guillain-Barre syndrome occurs when the body's immune system mistakenly attacks some of its nerve cells, causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis that typically is temporary.



AP  
In this March 26, 2021, file photo a member of the Philadelphia Fire Department prepares a dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at a vaccination site setup in Philadelphia.

An estimated 3,000 to 6,000 people develop the syndrome each year, according to the CDC.

The number of cases reported in connection with J&J's vaccine represents a tiny fraction of the nearly 13 million Americans who have received the one-dose shot. Most cases were reported in men—many 50 years old and up—and usually about two weeks after vaccination.

J&J said in a statement it has been discussing the reports with the FDA and other health regulators around the world.

The CDC said it would ask

its panel of outside vaccine experts to review the issue at an upcoming meeting.

The government said the vaccines most used in the U.S., made by Pfizer and Moderna, show no risk of the disorder after more than 320 million doses have been administered.

The new warning will be included in pamphlets given to people getting the J&J shot. They should seek medical attention if they experience any symptoms, which include tingling sensations, trouble walking and double vision, the FDA said.

## Sanders, Biden meet as infrastructure bill swells past \$3.5T

WASHINGTON (AP)—Emerging from a private meeting at the White House, Sen. Bernie Sanders said Monday that he and President Joe Biden are on the same page as Democrats draft a "transformative" infrastructure package unleashing more than \$3.5 trillion in domestic

investments on par with the New Deal of the 1930s.

Sanders, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, and Democrats on his panel also huddled privately at the Capitol for two hours late Monday with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and key White House

advisers during a consequential time for Biden's top priority. Congress is racing to put together a sweeping proposal financing infrastructure, family assistance and other programs for initial votes later this month.

Sanders, I-Vt., said he had a "very good discussion"

with Biden.

"He knows and I know that we're seeing an economy where the very, very rich are getting richer while working families are struggling," Sanders told reporters.

Sanders said he and the president did not discuss a topline figure, but the Vermont senator mentioned his own more far-reaching \$6 trillion proposal, which includes expanding Medicare for older adults.

## China's June exports surge 32%, import growth slows

BEIJING (AP)—China's exports surged in June while import growth slowed to a still-robust level as its economic rebound from the coronavirus leveled off.

Exports rose 32.2% from a year earlier to \$281.4 billion, up from May's 28% growth, customs data showed Tuesday. Imports grew 36.7% to \$229.9 billion, but that was down from the previous month's explosive 51% rise.

China led the global recovery from the pandemic but domestic consumer and other economic activity is leveling off. Chinese exporters benefited from the relatively early reopening of the economy while foreign competitors still faced anti-virus shutdowns.

Growth is expected to slow as global activity returns to normal. Exports to

the United States rose 17.8% over a year ago to \$46.9 billion while imports of American goods grew 37.6% to \$14.3 billion despite tariff hikes still in place in a lingering trade war.

China's global trade surplus swelled 11% over a year earlier to \$51.5 billion. The politically sensitive surplus with the United States expanded 10.9% to \$32.6 billion.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE PETITION )  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF )  
GUARDIANSHIP FOR: )  
ANNETTE MANGLONA ) Civil Action  
TAISACAN, ) No.: 21-0258  
AN INCOMPETENT PERSON. )  
BY: ) **NOTICE OF**  
DARLENE CAMACHO ) **HEARING**  
MANGLONA, )  
PETITIONER. )

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship for the abovesigned by **DARLENE CAMACHO MANGLONA**, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Room 217A, Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio on the 2nd day of August, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz  
Clerk of Court  
By:  
Deputy Clerk of Court

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**RFQ21-CHCC-ELC-002**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 9th, 2021 TIME: 4:30PM (CHST)**

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### Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting

**Wednesday, July 28, 2021 | 5:00 PM**  
**Commonwealth Zoning Office, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Bldg.**  
**Tel: 234-9661/2 • Fax: 234-9666**  
**www.cnmzoning.com**



### AGENDA

- A. Preliminary Matters**
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of 06/16/2021 Zoning Board Meeting minutes and 06/23/2021 Special Zoning Board Meeting minutes.
  5. Public Comments (not for items to be discussed in item B. Public Hearings)
- B. Public Hearings:**
  1. **Conditional Use Application #2020-7539** – CannaBlyss, Inc is proposing to occupy and renovate two (2) existing single-story concrete structure for its Cannabis Farm Use. Building A measures 67'6" (L) x 34'5" (W) x 12'3" (H) and Building B measures 40'8" (L) x 56' (W) x 10'2" (H). This use is classified as "Cannabis Farm" and is permitted in the district as a conditional use. This site is located on Lot No. 1856 New-6-1 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.
  2. **Conditional Use Application #2020-6462** – Top Hat Saipan, LLC is proposing to occupy and renovate a unit on the 2nd floor of an existing 2-storey building structure measuring 76'3" (L) x 45'10" (W) x 16' (H) for its "Adult Business" Use. This use is permitted in the district as a conditional use and the site is located on Lot No. 002 D 07 in the village of Garapan. This area is zoned as Garapan Core.
  3. **Conditional Use Application #2020-7211** – Ocean Spa is proposing to occupy and renovate a unit in the 1st floor of an existing 2-storey building with a floor area measuring 17'3" (L) x 26'6" (W) x 9' (H) for its Personal Service-Spa Use. This use is classified as "Personal Service" and is permitted in the district as a conditional use. This site is located on Lot No. 157-5 in the village of As Terlaje. This area is zoned as Village Residential.
  4. **Conditional Use Application #2020-6772** – SPP, LLC dba CSP Farm is proposing to construct a 66' (L) x 39'7" (W) x 12' (H) fully concrete building structure for its "Cannabis Farm" Use. This use is permitted in the district as a conditional use and the site is located on Lot No. 039 L 50/039 L 51 in the village of Obyan. This area is zoned as Rural.
- C. Old Business**
  1. Zoning Office Building Renovations
  2. Garapan Revitalization Project
- D. New Business**
  1. Nuisance Abatement and Blighted Properties Act
    - i. Regulations
  2. Administrator's Contract Renewal
  3. Board Compensation
- E. Executive Session**
- F. Miscellaneous**
  1. Administrator's Updates
  2. Permit & Enforcement Report
- G. Adjournment**

In an effort to provide public access to this meeting during this pandemic, the Commonwealth Zoning Board will host this meeting via:

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World

WORLD BRIEFS

UN: world hunger was dramatically worse in pandemic year

ROME (AP)—The United Nations on Monday lamented a “dramatic worsening” of world hunger last year, saying much of that is likely connected to the pandemic, and it urged billions of dollars to save millions of people from starving. A report issued jointly by five U.N. agencies

said hunger outpaced population growth in 2020, with nearly 10% of all people estimated to be undernourished. It said the sharpest rise in hunger came in Africa, where 21% of the people—282 million—are estimated to be undernourished. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the new “tragic data” shows that between 720 million and 811 million people

in the world faced hunger last year -- as many as 161 million more than in 2019. More than 2.3 billion people, which represents 30% of the global population, lacked year-round access to adequate food, according to the report. This indicator, known as the prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity, leaped in one year as much as in the five previous years combined.

Lawyers: Myanmar’s Suu Kyi to face more corruption charges

BANGKOK (AP)—Lawyers for ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi said Monday they have been informed by the military-installed government that four new charges of corruption have been filed against her. The military overthrew Suu Kyi’s elected government in February and arrested her and

top members of her National League for Democracy party, including President Win Myint. Widespread popular resistance against the military takeover is continuing, despite harsh measures by the security forces to quash it. Since the takeover, the new government has filed a number of criminal charges against Suu Kyi, who is in detention, and several of her colleagues. Suu Kyi’s supporters as well as independent analysts say all of the charges are politically motivated and an attempt to discredit her and legitimize the military’s seizure of power.

More migrant deaths recorded in heat along Arizona border

PHOENIX (AP)—The bodies of an unusually large number of migrants who died in Arizona’s borderlands are being recovered this summer amid record temperatures in the sun-scorched desert and rugged mountains. An increase in migrant deaths also has been noted in Texas, and rescues are up throughout the border with Mexico. The nonprofit group Humane Borders, which maps the recoveries of bodies in Arizona using data from the Pima County Medical Examiner’s Office in Tucson, said 43 sets of human remains were found in the state’s border region last month—the hottest June on record for Phoenix. Forecasters say highs in Phoenix, where temperatures last month regularly soared above 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43 Celsius), tend to be similar to those in Arizona’s Sonoran Desert north of Mexico. Not all 43 of those people died in June, but at least 16 had been dead for just a day and another 13 for less than a week when they were found, said Humane Borders mapping coordinator Mike Kreyche.

US expert: Images show Chinese ship waste endangering reefs

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Swarms of Chinese vessels have dumped human waste and wastewater for years in a disputed area of the South China Sea, causing algae blooms that have damaged coral reefs and threatened fish in an unfolding catastrophe, a U.S.-based expert said Monday. Satellite images over the last five years show how human waste, sewage and wastewater have accumulated and caused algae in a cluster of reefs in the Spratlys region where hundreds of Chinese fishing ships have anchored in batches, said Liz Derr, who heads Similarity Inc., a software company creating arti-

cial intelligence technologies for satellite imagery analysis. At least 236 ships were spotted in the atoll, internationally known as Union Banks, on June 17 alone, she said at a Philippine online news forum on China’s actions in the South China Sea, which Beijing has claimed virtually in its entirety.

Firefighters make progress against big fires in US West

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dozens of wildfires burned across the torrid U.S. West on Monday, but fire agencies reported some progress in corralling the flames and forecasters predicted a gradual decrease in extreme temperatures. The fires have forced evacuations in numerous areas with scattered homes and tiny communities where some burned houses and other structures have been observed, but total losses were still being tallied. The fires erupted as the West was in the grip of the second bout of dangerously high temperatures in just a few weeks. A climate change-fueled megadrought also is making conditions that lead to fire even more dangerous, scientists say. The National Weather Service said, however, that the heat wave appeared to have peaked in many areas, and excessive-heat warnings were largely expected to expire by Monday night or Tuesday. The two largest fires were burning forests in northeastern California and southern Oregon, sending smoke across other states.

4 tourists ordered off Bali for violating virus restrictions

DENPASAR, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia on Monday ordered four foreign tourists to leave the resort island of Bali after violating health protocols as the country endures a devastating wave of COVID-19 illnesses and deaths. A Russian who tested positive for the coronavirus upon her arrival in Bali last Thursday was recaptured that night after she escaped mandatory isolation at an appointed hotel, said Jamaruli Manihuruk, who heads the Bali regional office for the Justice and Human Rights Ministry. She has been placed in an isolation facility in Bali’s capital, Denpasar, and will be deported as soon as she recovered from the virus, Manihuruk said. Three others were accused of defying mask mandates in public after being found unmasked in a raid last Thursday in the Kuta tourist area to enforce health protocols and prevent more infections, he said.

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# Life & Style

## Drake Bell receives probation on child endangerment charge

**CLEVELAND (AP)**—Drake Bell, the former star of the popular Nickelodeon show “Drake & Josh,” was sentenced in Cleveland on Monday to two years’ probation on child endangerment charges relating to a girl who met him online and accused him of sexual contact after she attended his concert when she was 15.

Jared “Drake” Bell, 35, of West Hollywood, California, pleaded guilty last month via Zoom to felony attempted child endangerment and a misdemeanor charge of disseminating matter harmful to juveniles.

Cuyahoga County Judge Timothy McCormick is allowing Bell to serve probation and 200 hours of community service in California.

Bell, via Zoom, spoke briefly before sentencing.

“I accept this plea because my conduct was wrong,” Bell said. “I’m sorry the victim was harmed. It was not my intention.”

The victim, who is 19, spoke at length about the damage Bell has done to her life, saying he began grooming her when she was 12. She said she initially felt loved and protected by him during online chats and that his messages became “blatantly sexual” after she turned 15. She said his remarks made her feel uncomfortable, but she felt trapped because she “idolized” Bell.

“I was definitely one of his biggest fans,” said the woman, who allowed her face to appear on Zoom. “I would have done anything for him.”

The Associated Press does not identify people who say they suffered sexual abuse unless they choose to come forward publicly.

The woman said she and Bell exchanged explicit photos online and that he engaged in sexual conduct with her on several occasions, including at the concert venue in Cleveland and at a hotel. She also called Bell a “pedophile” and a “coward.”

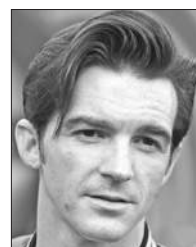
Bell’s attorney, Ian Friedman, disputed those claims on Monday. He said there were no explicit photos or sexual contact between Bell and the victim and the inappropriate conduct that did occur were reflected in the charges Bell

pleaded to last month. Friedman did not detail the inappropriate conduct Bell was acknowledging.

Friedman said the victim attended nine of Bell’s concerts after the one in Cleveland. The woman responded by holding up three fingers.

“There is already a greater penalty paid by Mr. Bell that others would not face because of his position,” Friedman said.

Authorities have said the victim contacted Toronto police in October 2018. Toronto authorities then forwarded its findings to Cleveland police, prompting an investigation.



**Bell**

The attempted endangering children charge relates to the concert where Bell “violated his duty of care” and created a risk of harm to the victim, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office spokesperson

Tyler Sinclair said previously.

Bell and the girl had “developed a relationship” online several years prior to the concert, Sinclair said. The disseminating harmful material charge concerns Bell having sent the girl “inappropriate social media messages,” Sinclair said.

McCormick, before delivering Bell’s sentence, said

he heard “a lot of serious and disturbing allegations” during Monday’s hearing, but added that he “can’t lose focus on what was pled to.”

“The fact of the matter is your position and celebrity status let you nurture this relationship,” McCormick said. “You were able to gain access to this child.”

Bell, also a singer, began acting as a child, but was catapulted to stardom as a teen with Nickelodeon’s “The Amanda Show” and later “Drake & Josh,” which debuted on the channel in January 2004. The final episode aired in September 2007. Bell and co-star Josh Peck also starred in two “Drake & Josh” movies.

## Cedric the Entertainer to host live Emmy Awards ceremony

**LOS ANGELES**

(AP)—Cedric the Entertainer will host the Emmy Awards in September as the ceremony returns to a live telecast after last year’s pandemic-forced virtual event.



**Cedric The Entertainer**

There will be a limited audience of nominees and guests at the Microsoft Theatre for the Sept. 19 show, CBS and the TV academy said Monday.

Contenders for the 73rd prime-time Emmys will be announced virtually at 8:30 a.m. PDT Tuesday, streaming live on Emmys.com.

“Since I was a little boy huddled up next to my grandmother, television has always

been my reliable friend, so it is an enormous honor for me to host this year’s Emmy Awards,” Cedric the Entertainer said in a statement.

“Throughout the roller-coaster of a year that we have all lived through, television has helped us stay connected as a society like never before,” said the actor and comedian, who stars in and produces CBS’ sitcom “The Neighborhood.”

Among the binge-worthy shows that kept viewers company during the COVID-19 pandemic and are considered front-runners for nominations: “The Crown,” “Ted Lasso,” “The Mandalorian” and “Bridgerton.”

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Nickelodeon says it is making a new movie featuring stars of “Blues Clues & You!” to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the original show that was a mainstay of the network for several years.

The movie, which will start production this summer, follows Josh and Blue as they travel to New York City to audition for a Broadway musical. It’s not clear when it will be ready, a spokeswoman said Monday.

Nickelodeon has several other activities planned to mark the Sept. 8, 1996, premiere of the original “Blue’s

Clues,” which aired six seasons’ worth of originals. The celebration includes a music video featuring current star Josh Dela Cruz and former “Blue’s Clues” hosts Steve Burns and Donovan Patton.

Some original episodes of “Blue’s Clues” can be seen on the Paramount+ streaming service and, per Monday’s announcement, more will be made available to coincide with the anniversary.

The show was re-

booted as “Blue’s Clues & You” and is currently in its second season.

“Blues Clues & You” will have a special, “It’s YOUR birthday” episode on Sept. 17, which will allow young viewers to celebrate their own birthdays.

NICKELODEON VIA AP  
This undated image released by Nickelodeon shows Joshua Dela Cruz who stars in the reboot of the preschool TV show “Blue’s Clues,” called “Blue’s Clues & You!”



## Man’s affair with musician strikes a sour note at home

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband of 49 years had an affair two years ago with a woman younger than our daughter. The affair is over now, but I no longer trust him.

The “other woman” is a musician who performs with an adult ensemble that he conducts. He refuses to talk to her about discontinuing her involvement in the group, and is, in fact, including her in a tour in which many of our friends and I are involved. I find this demeaning and disrespectful, but he doesn’t think there’s a problem.

I am dismayed, but I haven’t spoken to friends or family about the affair because I don’t want my children or grandchildren to be hurt. What should I do?

**OUT OF TUNE IN THE SOUTH**

**DEAR OUT:** If the affair is really over, the young woman is an integral part of the group and you will be accompanying your husband on that tour, do nothing. (I hope it’s a big bus!) If, however, the affair is not a thing of the past, schedule an appointment with an attorney to discuss what your options are and talk with your adult children. They should be warned there may be stormy clouds on the horizon.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently contacted a man I dated 32 years ago, when I was 17. He told me he was widowed 13 years ago after a 13-year marriage. Since then, he hasn’t dated anyone,

talked to anyone or had any kind of human intimacy whatsoever. He is 58. It isn’t normal and it doesn’t seem like anyone in his family has helped him get through this, so he is stuck.

We have been talking for the last seven months. We live 6 1/2 hours apart. It seems like rather than “rock the boat,” he has let other people rule his life. His children are all in their 20s. He tells me he wants to visit and vice versa, to see where things go. We both say marriage is not on the table. I can’t even imagine it. His daughters have referred to me as his girlfriend when he has had me on the phone and they are in the background. Please advise.

**NO DEFINITE PLANS YET**

**DEAR NO DEFINITE PLANS:** You said your old beau has been living like a monk for the past 13 years. Ordinarily, I would advise you to invite him for a visit. However, in this coronavirus era, you need to know whether he has been vaccinated for COVID before you do that. Discuss this with him during one of your conversations and see how he feels about it.

**DEAR ABBY:** After 18 years of happy marriage, my husband came to me the other day and asked me to order some “leggings,” or what I call “yoga pants.” He said he had seen them on TikTok. Mind you, we’re both 40. He said they’re sexy

## DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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and he’d love to see me in some. I’m not sure how to feel about this. I am 5’7”, weigh about 115 and I have no booty. Should I order the pants or be offended?

**NO BOOTY IN NEW MEXICO**

**DEAR NO BOOTY:** Order the pants! If he’d like to see you in them, what do you have to lose? While you may feel self-conscious about your posterior, never forget that it’s the booty he married. Please, let that reassure you. (If you’re unsure, consider wearing a tunic top with them.)

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# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



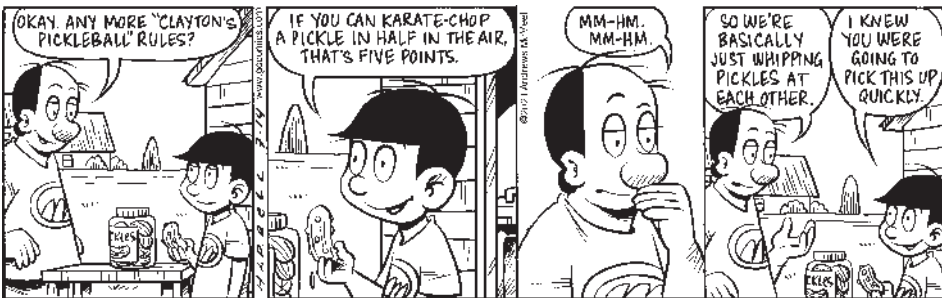
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## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Upper limit

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13 Outing for employees

16 Pig-poke link

17 Factions

18 Slangy suffix

19 Lavish affection (on)

20 Latin 101 word

21 Limber

23 Leaves

25 Fiscal execs

26 Style

27 "Evil Woman" gp.

28 Milan's La —

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2 Now, in a memo

3 Sun

4 Jelly

5 Desert

6 Platter

7 "Once — a time ..."

8 Bonnie's partner

9 Full

10 High school subj.

11 Espresso

12 George Eliot's Marnie

14 Evening, in an ad

15 Purring pet

19 Insult, slangily

20 Bio stat

21 Insurance giant with a duck mascot

22 Skilled in

23 Casual shirt

24 Inflexible

25 Cartoon frame

26 PC shortcut

28 Prophets

29 Top of a wave

30 Purple shade

31 "My treat"

32 Sounds of woe

34 Let fall

35 Entreaty

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 7-14

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Scott Porter, 42; Matthew Fox, 55; Jane Lynch, 61; Stan Shaw, 69.

**Happy Birthday:** You'll have plenty of options this year. Consider what will serve you best, and refuse to get bogged down with trivial matters. Keeping a clear head and staying focused on what you want to achieve will be your tickets to success. Rely on those who ground you and support and encourage your efforts, not those enticing you to be indulgent. Your numbers are 3, 10, 19, 22, 29, 35, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Keep the peace, use discretion, and avoid unnecessary changes on the way you live. Pay more attention to getting along, spending time with someone you love and taking better care of yourself. Physical activities are encouraged. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** A change will give you a new lease on life. Refuse to let the pettiness of someone stand between you and what you want to accomplish. Trust and rely on your ability to think matters through and get things done. \*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Be careful how you handle emotional issues. A discussion will turn sour if you aren't careful how you explain your long-term plans. Discipline and paying attention to detail will help you overcome setbacks and avoid criticism and complaints. Work alone if possible. \*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Look for an unusual opportunity, and you'll find something that intrigues you. Gather information, and study all the ins and outs before

you take a leap of faith. Preparation along with knowledge and practice will pay off. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Embrace change. View life as an adventure, and turn any disappointment you encounter into a new beginning. Let go of what you cannot change and head toward the brighter side of life. Engage in activities that make you feel alive. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** It's up to you to make things happen. Don't wait for someone to beat you at your own game or challenge you. Take a leadership position. By competing with yourself instead of giving others a chance to push you aside, you will excel. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Do what needs to be done and keep moving forward. Discussions will put you in an awkward position that requires you to make a premature decision. Stabilize your financial situation rather than maxing out your credit. Physical fitness will ease stress. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Use ingenuity to develop the best way to use your skills without taxing yourself physically. Don't let demanding people or an unexpected change cause you to miss out on something you want to pursue. Expand your mind and options. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Someone is likely to withhold information. Do your research, double-check essential details and question anything that sounds suspicious. Don't rely on others, and be prepared to do the work yourself to avoid disappointment. Focus on personal growth and your happiness. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You'll be on the move and ready to take on the world. Ideas will come to you from a unique situation and help you bring about unprecedented changes that will improve your home life and your ability to use your skills uniquely. \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Put pressure on yourself to be and do your best. Set goals, get into a routine and aim to strengthen yourself physically. Don't let changes at home bog you down or stop you from working toward being better and stronger. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll be mesmerized by the unusual. Open discussions will encourage you to get involved in something that interests you. The suggestions you make will bring about positive change that will improve your life and the lives of others. \*\*\*  
**Birthday Baby:** You are dedicated, passionate and entertaining. You are innovative and assertive.

☺: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☹: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☼: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☼☼☼: Aim high; start new projects. ☼☼☼☼: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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1	6	9	8	3	7	4	2	5
3	2	8	1	4	5	6	7	9

Difficulty Level: \*\*

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

Solution: 11 letters

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# USA Basketball falls again, this time 91-83 to Australia

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—These games don't count. Right now, that is the only saving grace for USA Basketball.

And for quite probably the first time in 29 years of NBA players suiting up for the national team, there was a smattering of boos when a game ended—on home soil, no less.

Patty Mills scored 22 points and Australia held the U.S. without a field goal for the final 4:34 on the way to beating the Americans 91-83 on Monday night, dropping the three-time defending Olympic gold medalists to 0-2 in their five-game slate of exhibitions leading up to the Tokyo Games.

"I thought we got better tonight," said U.S. coach Gregg Popovich, whose team lost to Nigeria on Saturday. "After a short time together, there's a lot of things that have to be covered, but the first half and the second half were two different beasts."

"In the first half, we defended the way we wanted to defend. ... We rebounded better. We moved the ball better at the offensive end and had more pace. In the second half, we tired out."

Joe Ingles scored 17 points, Matisse Thybulle scored 12 and Chris Goulding had 11 for Australia.

"We walked into this game



expecting to win," Ingles said.

With good reason. Starting with the World Cup quarter-finals in China two years ago and then their two exhibitions in Vegas, the U.S. is 1-4 in its last five games with NBA players against international competition.

In the most recent 105 games that preceded those, the U.S. went 101-4.

Damian Lillard led the U.S. with 22 points, while Kevin

Durant scored 17 and Bradley Beal finished with 12. But the Americans wasted a 10-point second-half lead, and have dropped back-to-back games for just the third time since NBA players began wearing the red, white and blue in 1992.

The other instances: two straight in the 2002 FIBA World Championship and two straight in the 2019 Basketball

World Cup. The U.S. finished sixth in the first tournament, seventh in the other. And while these are glorified scrimmages, this much is already certain—a medal seems far from a lock for the U.S.

"It's not the first time that I've seen Team USA be tested," Lillard said. "Maybe not beat two times in a row, but I've seen it before. These other teams and these other

countries just continue to improve. These players, they get better, they get more confident and they also want to beat us badly. It's definitely noticeable when you're on the court."

Jayson Tatum's layup with 4:35 left put the Americans up 82-80. Australia outscored the U.S. 11-1 the rest of the way, and Mills—who plays for Popovich in San Antonio—did most of the damage for the Boomers down the stretch.

"I just expect him to do it,"

<sup>AP</sup>  
United States' Bam Adebayo attempts a shot over Australia's Jock Landale during an exhibition basketball game Monday, July 12, 2021, in Las Vegas.

Ingles said of Mills' big finish. "It's what he's done for 12 years. It's just what he does for our group."

Favored by 16.5 points before the game, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, the Americans looked the part for much of the first half. A 20-6 run—capped by five points from Select Team call-up Keldon Johnson—put the U.S. up by eight late in the opening quarter, and Lillard closed out his 16-point first half with a 3-pointer 31.7 seconds before intermission that gave the Americans a 46-35 lead.

The halftime lead was nine, the same lead that the U.S. had early in the third quarter against Nigeria before letting it slip away.

And the same thing happened in this one.

The third-quarter lead for the U.S. was as big as 10 and was 58-50 when Lillard made a 3-pointer midway through the period. But Australia closed the quarter on a 19-6 run, Goulding hit a 3-pointer as time expired and Australia took a 69-64 lead into the final 10 minutes.

"We'll learn from it," Popovich said.

## Bucks star making his mark in NBA Finals

**MILWAUKEE (AP)**—Giannis Antetokounmpo shook his head, unwilling to place himself in the class of the only player with a longer streak of 40-point games in an NBA Finals.

"I'm not Michael Jordan," Antetokounmpo said.

No, but he's exactly the player the Milwaukee Bucks need if they are going to win their first title in 50 years. They can tie the series against the Phoenix Suns in Game 4 on Wednesday.

With 42 and 41 points in his last two games, Antetokounmpo has joined LeBron James, Shaquille O'Neal, Jerry West and Rick Barry as players to have two straight 40-point outings in the NBA Finals.

That's halfway to Jordan, who did it four consecutive times in 1993 against Phoenix.

"I'm not Michael Jordan," Antetokounmpo repeated. "But you know, all I care about right now, it's getting one more, that's all. Just take care of business, doing our job."

When Antetokounmpo returned from a knee injury with 20 points and 17 rebounds in Game 1 of the series, he delivered good numbers.

But the 6-foot-11, 250-pound Antetokounmpo will always collect stats. With his long arms

and longer strides, he can easily get himself near enough to the basket to snatch a rebound or drop in a bucket.

Good numbers don't mean it was a great game.

Perhaps still uncertain of the knee or just readjusting to teammates who had played well without him, Antetokounmpo didn't seize the moment the way the Bucks need. He took only 11 shots—fewer than three teammates.

The last two games were the Greek Freak these NBA Finals demand.

He had 42 points and 12 rebounds in Game 2, then 41 points, 13 rebounds and six assists as the Bucks finally got on the board in Game 3 with a 120-100 victory.

"He's just doing whatever it takes to help his team, to help us," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "He's in an aggressive mindset."

The two-time MVP needs to stay in it.

Attacking the paint as he did in Game 3 presents problems for which the Suns may not have the answers. He helped send Deandre Ayton to the bench in foul trouble after the center had Phoenix leading into early in the second quarter. And he created

open shooting space for Jrue Holiday and Khris Middleton to get some clean looks after both struggled in Game 2.

Antetokounmpo largely kept that game from turning into a blowout by himself. With his teammates supporting him better in Milwaukee, it was the Bucks who won big.

"When guys make shots, it just makes it tough on the opposing team because now he's really just playing 1-on-1, and good luck with that," teammate Bobby Portis said.

The Suns don't have a lot of size outside of Ayton, but sometimes Antetokounmpo helps his opponents by settling for jumpers that remain a weaker part of his portfolio.

From his very first basket of Game 3, when he jumped over a defender to grab a rebound that he put back while being fouled, he made it clear he was going to keep going to the rim. When the Suns stopped him by fouling, he made them pay by making 13 of 17.

"He's physical. When he gets downhill, gets to the basket, gets to the free throw line, it encourages him to keep going. And he was hitting his free throws ... and that just kind of opens up his whole game," Suns reserve Cam Johnson

said. "So it's on us to stop him, give him more resistance."

Nobody knew what Antetokounmpo could still do when he went down in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals against Atlanta with a hyperextended left knee. Even if he could come back—and it wasn't clear he would until shortly before tipoff of the finals opener—it was hard to imagine he could deliver the type of historic performances he has.

"I don't even know how he's even doing it, man," Portis said. "Most of the time when guys do that, they come back and ease into it, or they come back and they're kind of timid and whatnot. He's still just going out there and playing the same way like he never did that."

Antetokounmpo wasn't sure he could when his knee swelled to double its size just two weeks ago. But he was able to make it back for the Bucks' first NBA Finals since 1974 and he's determined to enjoy it.

"I want my teammates to enjoy the game and I know that by enjoying the game, I'm going to compete as hard as possible," Antetokounmpo said. "And I'm going to do the right thing to help my team be in the right position and have the opportunity to win any game we play."

## Suns' Booker seeks to bounce back from Game 3 struggles

**MILWAUKEE (AP)**—Devin Booker's impressive postseason run has hit one of its first real speed bumps.

Now the focus is on the Phoenix Suns guard will be how he responds.

Booker shot just 3 of 14 Sunday night and managed just 10 points as the Suns lost 120-100 to the Milwaukee Bucks in Game 3 of the NBA Finals. That performance came after Booker scored 27 points in Game 1 and 31 points in Game 2. It was the first time he'd been held below 15 points in 19 playoff games.

The Suns expect him to bounce back in Game 4 Wednesday night.

"They keyed on him," Suns coach Monty Williams said. "He missed some shots. So that's going to happen."

Booker hasn't experienced many nights like that in this postseason, the first of his six-year NBA career.

He's averaging 26.3 points in the playoffs and has a total of 500 points. He enters Game 4 just 21 points shy of Rick Barry's 54-year-old

record for total points in a player's first career postseason, though Barry reached that total in just 15 games.

Before Sunday, Booker had scored at least 22 points in five straight games.

Booker also went 1 of 7 on 3-point attempts Sunday to continue his somewhat erratic recent performance from beyond the arc. He's 10 of 24 on 3-pointers over his last four games, but that includes a 7-for-12 performance in Game 2 of the Finals. Booker has shot just 3 of 22 on 3-point attempts in the other three games.

"I think I can get better ones," Booker said of his shot selection. "We'll make that happen. The point of the game is to win it, and I think there were other things that went on throughout the game. You can say it's a make/miss game, but at the end of the day, you have to make the other team miss and get easy opportunities for your team."

Booker said the Suns didn't give themselves enough of those easy opportunities Sunday night.



# Alonso bests Mancini, Ohtani for 2nd straight HR Derby title

DENVER (AP)—Pete Alonso's words were as bold as his home runs.

"I'm the best power hitter on the planet," the New York Mets first baseman proclaimed after winning his second straight Home Run Derby. "Being able to showcase that and put on a fun display on for the fans is truly a dream come true for me."

Alonso danced to the title, besting Shohei Ohtani, Trey Mancini and Juan Soto on a night of record long balls in the thin Rocky Mountain air of Coors Field.

He hit 74 total home runs and beat Mancini 23-22 in the final round Monday, joining Ken Griffey Jr. (1998-99) and Yoenis Céspedes (2013-14) in winning consecutive titles.

Alonso earned \$1 million — more than his \$676,775 salary. He's made \$2 million in Home Run Derby winnings compared to about \$1.47 million in career salary from the Mets through the end of this season.

"My parents let me stay up past my bedtime to watch this," the 26-year-old recalled. "That was one of the few nights of the year I got to stay up past of my bedtime and watch. Watch incredible feats you don't see in a regular baseball game. To be able to do back to back is really special to me."

He has a chance to match Griffey, who also won in 1994, as the only three-time champion.

Batting second, Alonso trailed 22-17 after the first two minutes of the final round, then hit six homers on six swings over the first 28 seconds of his final minute.

Mancini, who returned this season from cancer treatment, was the sentimental favorite, while Alonso was the most animated of the eight sluggers as the longball competition



AP  
National League's Pete Alonso, of the New York Mets, holds the champions trophy after winning the MLB All Star baseball Home Run Derby, Monday, July 12, 2021, in Denver.

waukee in 2002, clearing Bernie Brewer's slide.

Mark McGwire had the longest ball in the 1998 Derby at mile-high Coors, a 510-footer.

Ohtani, the Los Angeles Angels sensation set to start on the mound and hit leadoff as designated hitter for the American League in Tuesday night's All-Star Game, started slowly but forced two rounds of tiebreakers with Soto before losing 31-28 in the second round.

They were tied 22-all after regulation and 28 apiece following the first tiebreaker. Soto homered on all three swings of the next tiebreak, and Ohtani grounded out on his first swing.

"It was fun, but it was exhausting," Ohtani said through a translator. "The last 30 seconds of both the first round and the tiebreaking round were really exhausting."

Ohtani will become's first two-way All-Star.

"I'm just going to get a lot of sleep, as much as I can," he said.

Mancini won the first round 24-23 over Oakland's Matt Olson, who hit a deep foul on his final swing.

"He's a good dude," Olson said. "To be able to battle the way he battled and come back and perform the way he has this year says a lot about him, his grit and his toughness."

Story defeated Texas' Joey Gallo 20-19 when Gallo popped out on his last swing.

"It is tiring, for sure, but it was a lot of fun for the first time," Gallo said.

returned after a one-year absence caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

With custom bats in the Mets' royal blue and orange, and matching shoes and batting gloves, Alonso was a human bobblehead, nodding on beat in the batter's box as he stepped out and danced. He motioned with his arms to whip up fans during a timeout.

Alonso hit a first-round record 35 dingers, seven more than Josh Hamilton in 2008 at the original Yankee Stadium,

and topped Kansas City's Salvador Pérez with 27. Alonso, batting second, beat Soto 16-15 in the second round. Alonso's longest drive of the night traveled 514 feet.

Mancini missed the 2020 season while undergoing chemotherapy for stage 3 colon cancer, treatment he finished last Sept. 21 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The 29-year-old Baltimore Orioles first baseman hit .256 with 16 homers and 55 RBIs going into the

All-Star break. His oncologist, Dr. Nilo Azad, threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Camden Yards before the Orioles' hosted the Chicago White Sox last Friday night.

"It was incredible, especially after the last year-and-a-half," Mancini said.

Mancini knocked out Colorado's Trevor Story 13-12 in the second round, hitting second and advancing with a drive to center. Mancini knew topping Alonso would

be difficult.

"He's hitting balls over 500 feet with ease. It didn't seem like he got too tired and I got pretty gassed in that last bonus round," Mancini said. "He's a beast out there."

Soto thrilled the crowd of 49,048 with a 520-foot homer, the longest derby drive in the Statcast era, topping 513 feet the New York Yankees' Aaron Judge in 2017 at Miami. Before Statcast, the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa was said to have hit one 524 feet at Mil-

DENVER (AP)—As five dozen All-Stars sat outside Coors Field ahead of the All-Star Game, they looked forward to the Greatest Sho on Earth.

Shohei Ohtani is the starriest of them all, the center of attention for players and fans like no one before at baseball's mid-summer classic.

Fans cheered when he was introduced Monday at a news conference located outdoors, across the street from Coors Field due to the pandemic. He competed in Monday night's Home Derby and will start on the mound for the American League in Tuesday night's All-Star Game and hit leadoff as the designated hitter.

Ohtani is doing just about everything other than mow the grass and solve the ballpark's mile-high hitter-friendly air currents.

"People always say, 'Oh no, he can't do that,' until the guy

## Baseball All-Star Game becomes Greatest Sho on Earth

goes out and does it," said Mets first baseman Pete Alonso, who won his second straight derby. "And then, when he does do it, it's like, 'Oh, we knew it the whole time.'"

A 27-year-old in his fourth major league season with the Los Angeles Angels, Ohtani will be the first two-way starter in the history of the All-Star Game, which began in 1933. Not even Babe Ruth did it, having last pitched regularly in 1919.

Ohtani was separately voted to start at DH by fans and to be among five AL starting pitchers by fellow players.

"I was actually not expecting to be chosen as a pitcher at all," Ohtani said through interpreter Ippei Mizuhara. "It's a huge honor, and I'm going to try my best."

Washington's Max Scherzer, who will become just the sixth

pitcher to make four All-Star starts, is in the background because of Ohtani, who leads the majors with 33 home runs and is 4-1 with a 3.49 ERA in 13 starts.

"It would be awesome if I can hit. Right now, I'm 0-for the first half this year," said Scherzer, who is hitless in 30 at-bats.

Atlanta first baseman Freddie Freeman said he, like others, was pushed at a young age to choose between being a pitcher or position player.

Freeman was astounded back on April 4, when Ohtani pitched a hitless first inning against the Chicago White Sox, homered in the bottom half and went back out to the mound for the second.

"I don't understand how the brain can flip flop from, 'I've got to get three outs and then I've got to go and score a run

for myself,'" Freeman said. "Any time he's on the field, you're just amazed that he has the energy—the mental energy—to handle all that, because I watch the guys when they pitch, the game-planning that goes on before the games, and he's game-planning and then having to hit batting practice in the cage."

"He's got like literally a 12-hour day every day. And then when he pitches, then you have to do your arm care the next day, you got to get all the lactic acid out of your body. And then you've still got to DH at night," he said.

Major League Baseball altered the rules for Tuesday to allow Ohtani to essentially be two players. When he is replaced on the mound, he can remain as the DH.

"I think we would all respect

what he's done and meant to our game this year. This is what the fans want to see. It's personally what I wanted to see," said AL manager Kevin Cash of Tampa Bay. "And to have the opportunity to do something that's a generational talent, is pretty special. I begged Major League Baseball to tweak the rule."

Freeman was a two-way player in high school who threw in the mid-90 mph range, and most teams in 2007 wanted him as a pitcher, except the Braves and Chicago Cubs. He remembers the difficulty even at that level.

"My elbow was killing me," he said.

San Diego third baseman Manny Machado cracked a smile when asked about his two-way talent: "I got rocked when I was 18 years old, and that's the last time I ever pitched."

Washington outfielder Juan Soto became a full-time position player at age 15 when told by coaches they were impressed with his hitting.

"I threw no-hitter and everything in Little League, but I don't know if I can do it in the big leagues," he said.

Signed at a relatively bargain price of \$3 million this year and \$5.5 million next season, Ohtani will be eligible for salary arbitration after 2022. If he keeps at this pace, he raises the prospect of commanding double the usual price heading into his final season before free agency, perhaps \$30 million to \$40 million or more.

Baltimore first baseman Trey Mancini was on the mound, too—once upon a time.

"Dylan Bundy hit a home run off of me my senior year of high school in my last pitching performance," he said of his future Orioles teammate.



# Xerxes Camacho tops Cliff Fishing Derby

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A week before the 37th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament unfurled on Saipan, a more perilous form of catching the bounty of sea was underway on Rota.

From July 2 to 4, the island's most daring of fisherfolk ventured to Matmos Cliff to take part in the Rota Cliff Fishing Derby. In the end, Xerxes Camacho won the three-day derby with a 59-inch whooper to top the biggest category.

"It feels great winning the derby especially because my brother, Junior, was the defending champion so he was my biggest competitor and it's

always been fun when we're outdoors enjoying what nature has to offer and provide," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

He also won the most variety with seven species of fish and was runner-up to Tilford Toves in the most weight with his 27.44 lbs. Toves topped the most weight with his catch totaling 36.22 lbs. Camacho's older brother came in third in most weight at 26.16 lbs. Toves came in second in biggest fish at 58.1 inches, while Joey was third again at 56.5 inches.

For their troubles, Xerxes Camacho won \$300, Toves \$250, and Joey "Junior" Camacho \$100. They were given the prizemoney during the Rota Cliff Fishing Derby

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couldn't reel it in. It took more line out and my deckhand and I were sweating bullets because it's only the two of us. I said 'just hang in there, boy' we can do this and we did it," Hattig said in jest.

As per tradition, *Da'Net* donated the prizewinning fish to the organizing Saipan Fishermen's Association and Hattig and Benavente's loss was the attendees of the awards banquet's gain as all of them were able to partake of the sumptuous sashimi from the 358-lb marlin.

Of course, the father of former Toronto Blue Jay John Hattig Jr. was more than happy to share their gigantic catch to everyone and proclaimed that they will again be back next year. Fellow *pescadores*—fishermen in Spanish—may have double the trouble next year, as Hattig said he will use some of the money he won this year to fix his second boat.

"I always look forward to coming back every year. If you guys allow us to come back. The COVID-19 wasn't easy to go through but we made it here—17 boats! We did our part representing Guam so thank you very much," he said.

Hattig also reminded everyone that he and his deckhand are bringing home the handsome side bet, pointing out to former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente that his name is the very first one in the ledger for the side bet.

Aside from the \$3,000 grand prize and \$5,300 side bet, the crew of the *Da'Net* also got a free entry to Guam's Shut Up & Fish tournament set for Aug. 28 and 29.

It's the second time that Hattig brought home the bacon, so to speak, as nine years ago in 2012 he was part of the *Emmanuel* crew

that landed the record 952-lbs marlin in the 28th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament.

In the total weight category, *Villa Marie* of Sen. Victor Hocog (R-Rota) and crew Val Hocog, Ray Yumul, Jordan Ogo, and Daniel Yumul won with an overall two-day haul of 305 lbs. They were awarded \$2,000 for the feat.

In the billfish category, *Defiance* of captain Rufin Inos Jr. won with their 327-lb catch. The Perry B. Inos-skipped *Bella* came in second with a 260-pounder, while *V. Marine* of captain Ben Blas was third with a 195.7-lb billfish. Dancoe got a bit of a ribbing from Inos when the associate justice reminded the affable emcee to not make fun of the Supreme Court and said he was "expecting" him in his court the next day.

Results of the yellowfin, wahoo, mahi mahi, and skipjack categories will be reported in tomorrow's issue of *Saipan Tribune*.

A total of 90 boats—60 from Saipan, 17 from Guam, and five from Tinian—took part in the two-day fishing derby that is sponsored by the following: Marpac Budweiser, Mobil Oil Marianas, TSL Foundation/TanHoldings, Triple J Enterprises, Pacifica Insurance Underwriter, Inc., CIC Insurance, Docomo Pacific, Roil Soil, Pacific Rim Land Development, Paradise Dental Spa, Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc., Atkins Kroll Saipan, Matson Inc., D&Q International Distributors, Naked Fish, Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council, Muzik Production, WSTCO, MINA, Micronesian Marine, Marianas Coffee, Johnny's Bar & Grill, Herman's Modern Bakery, Century Hotel, Fishing Tackle & Sporting Goods, Joeten Motors, Inas' Kitchen, and Bank of Saipan.



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Xerxes Camacho, right, poses with his brother Joey after competing in the Rota Cliff Fishing Derby last July 4 at Matmos Cliff.

awards ceremony at the Tun Kindo Baseball Field last July 4.

Xerxes said the sport of cliff fishing is not for the faint of heart and they do take precautions before venturing to the cliff line to cast their reels.

"This cliff where the derby was held is pretty much dangerous and according to the boys, they really got hammered Friday night by the rain and the waves," said Xerxes and Joey's father, Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho.

The Rota Cliff Fishing Derby was organized by the 18th Rota Municipal Council, who congratulated all the winners and all the participants of the three-day tournament.

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Another SSC stalwart, Christian Villacrusis, ended up fourth in the men with a time of 14:51.6. Jinie Thompson of SSC wasn't able to race as she's off-island.

Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said Suzuki and Tenorio coming first and second in the qualifiers wasn't a surprise, but expects his two wards to lower their times in the next meets.

"I think the male ranking was as usual. Our target for the second race is to speed up the time and both Jinnosuke and Juhn will go below 13 minutes. Our goal is to mark the first half

of 12 minutes for the last race of September," he said.

For the women, Kimura said Braxton and Litulumar's performance were a mixed bag.

"As I felt at Guam meet in January 2020, Aoi is really strong when it counts. However, her time is not so good, so I hope she would work harder in her regular practice for the next qualifier. I think Shoko seemed to be rigid with tension a little, maybe nervous? There's a little regret perhaps on her part because she wasn't able to show her true strength. Next time she will join the qualifiers, with her elder sister Asaka, but it will be more important for Shoko to mark a satisfying time than

ranking," he said.

SSC coach Richard Sikkell is just happy that Akimura, Villacrusis, and her daughter, Savita, were just able to compete in the qualifiers.

"For the qualifiers the SSC swimmers are sitting pretty, they are in the mix. I am very pleased with the performance of all our swimmers. It has been a while since we have had the competitive buzz and it adds another element to the mix," he said. "For the more seasoned swimmers this will give them a good baseline of where they stand, what they need to work on, and what it takes to level up in the next race. With the right attitude,

work ethic and an eagerness to improve the sky is the limit with these young swimmers."

The 1,000m qualifier will chose four swimmers (two men and two women) that will represent the CNMI in the 2021 FINA World Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates this coming December. The second and third parts of the Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series will be held on July 24 and Sept. 25 in the same venue.

Results of the 20m for beginners, 50m for intermediate, 100m for advanced, 500m open, and 1,000m will be published in the next issues of the *Saipan Tribune*.

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We've always have so much fun together talking old times. Also saw former track and field officers, Robin Sapong, Elias Rangamar, and Ray Tebuteb. They do such an awesome job in keeping track and field alive and well in the CNMI. Also, should mention the new president of NMI's basketball association, James Lee, who has devised a multi-year plan to raise the skill level of basketball skills in the CNMI. Also spent some time with Roselyn Monroy, the sports reporter from the *Saipan Tribune*, who has been invaluable in my success on Saipan," he said.

Barnes said the highlight of his trip was meeting with Northern Marianas Sports Association president Jerry Tan and the leadership of the 2023 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee.

"Jerry has done a fabulous job in providing the proper



Dr. Kurt Barnes with son Kevin and Kim.

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leadership to ensure that the Mini Games are a huge success. I wouldn't be surprised if these Mini Games were the best ever held. I met with Jerry, Ben Babauta (CEO of the Mini Games), John Hirsch, Nick Gross, Alex Sablan, and Carline Sablan. It was more of a 'meet and greet' meeting but some solid information was

exchanged between attendees," he said.

Barnes also admired how the Oleai Sports Complex has changed not a few years after he left and even before the planned renovations from the \$21.2-million Economic Development Administration grant.

"To go to the NMSA building, one cannot pass the sports

complex without seeing the Oceania nations flags waving briskly in the wind in from of the gym and on the far side of the track facility. Imagine, flag poles up with flags at full mast more than a year ahead of the opening of the event. Unheard like never before. I am sure more spectacular events will be forthcoming throughout the next 340 or so days before the actual Games commences."

While in his latest trip to Saipan, Barnes saw changes, but he volunteered that things never really have changed much in this little dot in the middle of the Pacific.

"Saipan really hasn't changed that much since I left. Of course, I wasn't able to see the year after Yutu hit Saipan, but as of now, life is getting back to normal. I still could get my favorite meals on Saipan, fried mahi mahi at J's Restaurant and chicken curry at Shirley's Coffee Shop. And many of the better restaurants were also serving their trademark food," he said.





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## Da'Net's 358-lb billfish wins grand prize

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Captain John Hattig Sr. and his godson, Frank Benavente, aboard the *Da'Net* are returning to Guam \$8,300 richer after winning the grand prize of the 37th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament held in the waters off the CNMI this past weekend.



Of course, Hattig and Benavente won the \$3,000 grand prize for the 358-lb marlin they caught 2 miles off Coke Reef a little after lunch in



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Captain John Hattig Sr., right, and his godson, Frank Benavente, lift the grand prize perpetual trophy for the 37th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament during the awards banquet held Monday night at Aqua Resort Club poolside. Behind them are officers and members of the organizing Saipan Fishermen's Association.

Day 1 of the two-day derby last Saturday, but also racked up their earnings by pocketing the \$5,300 side bet for the biggest fish caught during the tournament made among participating fishermen.

Hattig and Benavente were all smiles during the awards ceremony Monday night at the Aqua Resort Club poolside and even joked around with emcee Curtis Dancoe when they were asked if the billfish danced when it caught their eye.

"The only one dancing was my deckhand. We hit it and it just stayed down. It gave us one hell of a fight and we

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## Suzuki, Braxton take early lead in qualifiers

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Jinnosuke Suzuki and Aoi Braxton topped the first of three qualifiers for Saipan Swim Club's Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series held last Saturday in the waters off the Civic Center beach in Oleai.

Suzuki topped the men's

1,000m—the distance used in the qualifiers—with a time of 13:01:1, while Braxton was first among the women by clocking in at 15:17:3.

Finishing second in the men's qualifiers was fellow Swimming Center Tsunami Saipan member Juhn Tenorio at 13:25.5, while another

teammate of Suzuki and Braxton's, Shoko Litulumar, came in second in the women at 15:29.1. The Saipan Swim Club pair of Taiyo Akimura (14:37) and Savita Sikkell (15:30.6) finished third, respectively, in their divisions.

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From left, Shoko Litulumar, Aoi Braxton, Juhn Tenorio, Taiyo Akimura, and Jinnosuke Suzuki pose with Saipan Swim Club coach Richard Sikkell after the Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series last Saturday in the waters off the Civic Center beach in Oleai.

## Barnes relishes short vacation on Saipan

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CNMI Sports Hall of Fame member Dr. Kurt Barnes found himself visiting old haunts and reconnecting with lifelong friends during his recent two-week vacation on Saipan.

The former vice president of Northern Marianas Athletics flew back to his home of more than four decades to see his son, Kevin, who he's not seen in four and a half years.

"I had planned this trip two years ago but the colossal Super Typhoon Yutu plus the COVID-19 pandemic put a kink in my schedule. As it would be, my timing was perfect and I was in sheer and complete elation to be back on Saipan, the island I called home for 40 years," he said.

Indeed, Barnes couldn't have picked a better time to visit Saipan, as his trip coincided with the return of outdoor and sports activities. In fact, the now Elk Grove, California resident was even able to attend the launching ceremony for the 2022 Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games held last June 17 at the Oleai

Sports Complex.

"Returning to Saipan was better than I had envisioned. I saw many former friends and did my old routines. I found that many things had not changed since I left in February 2017. Certainly Super Typhoon Yutu has had an immense effect on the way of life with the citizens of Saipan but the vivacity I knew is quickly returning to form," he said.

While on island, the former Peace Corps volunteer, who was also instrumental in

organizing the first-ever Micronesian Games (then called Micronesian Olympics) on Saipan in 1969, connected with many local sports personalities as well as former colleagues at work and ex-teammates, and of course, many friends.

"I had two great meetings with my former Peace Corps roommate in Miami Beach, Jim Belyea, a former instructor at Northern Marianas College.

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Dr. Kurt Barnes, left, with Northern Marianas Athletics president Ramon Tebuteb during a break in a recent track and field meet at the Oleai Sports Complex.